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FLAMBOYANT 80s BAND: Culture Club will be performing at Newmarket Nights on July 21

Oh Boy! Culture Club latest to join up

ONE of the biggest and most flamboyant bands of the 80s will be bringing their smash hit back catalogue to Newmarket Racecourse.

Culture Club was announced this week as the latest top act to join the bill for the Newmarket Nights concert programme, and will be wowing the audience for one night on July 21.

Led by outspoken front man Boy George, the band racked up seven straight

top 10 hits in the UK and nine in the US, winning Brit and Grammy awards and selling more than 50 million records worldwide.

They join the likes of Little Mix, Mark Ronson and fellow 80s stalwarts Tears For Fears, The Jacksons and Olly Murs in playing the outdoor Adnams July Course.

Amy Starkey, regional director east of Jockey Club Racecourses, which runs the course, said: "We are very pleased to confirm

Culture Club as our next Newmarket Nights act for 2017 and look forward to welcoming them to Newmarket Racecourses for the first time this July."

Last week it was announced that indie band James would be performing at Newmarket Nights on August 4.

During their musical career James have sold 13 million albums worldwide with hits including *Sit Down, Laid* and *She's A Star*.

COUNCIL

Clock tower set for makeover

NEWMARKET Town Council is looking at renovating the clock tower in the High Street.

At a council committee meeting on Monday, councillors agreed the tower is falling into disrepair and that the council needs to start looking at remedial work.

At the meeting, Cllr Michael Jefferys said: "The clock tower is a listed building, which is owned by us and it is our responsibility. "It is falling into some disrepair, and there have been some fairly botch re-

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pairs in the past. We need to start considering how we should renovate the clock tower and what needs to be done. I'm guessing it will be expensive, but it's better to plan ahead."

Cllr Amy Starkey agreed with Cllr Jefferys, adding that a structural engineer and a maintenance repair report is needed to understand the task ahead.

Councillors heard that cement from the tower had

been breaking and grass was growing on the roof.

The proposal to look at repairs to the clock tower was passed by the committee and will be discussed again at the next meeting.

The clock tower was built by local builder Richard Arber in 1887 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The tower was paid for by the public, but local trainer Charles Blanton donated the clock. The tower was officially opened in 1890 and it takes 115 turns to fully wind the clock every week.

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COMMUNITY

Shaun gears up for his 150-mile bike challenge



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WHEELY GOOD EFFORT: Shaun Whiter will cover 150 miles in a sponsored event using a handbike. He is still recovering from his horrific injuries inflicted during a hit-and-run incident but is determined to marry fiancée Charlotte Way, pictured below, in July

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MORE than nine months after losing both of his lower legs, former Newmarket footballer and crash victim Shaun Whiter is gearing himself up for a 150-mile sponsored cycling event next month.

The courageous 28-year-old, whose Newmarket Town FC career was ended after a hit-and-run incident, will join around 100 people on a two-day tour of Suffolk on May 14 using a specially built handcycle.

"You have your down days like everyone else," Shaun told the *News*. "But you've got to have moments – you can't let it drag you down. You need to keep yourself occupied, pick yourself up and come back. And I want to get back into doing sports."

"This will be much harder than cycling. It's not like going out for a normal 15-mile or six-mile bike ride, where you're with your friends – it's a six-mile with your arms. If I complete it, it'll be mad."

Shaun, who lives in Burrough Green, was left for dead at the side of a road near Newmarket last summer after Jan Adamec, from Haverhill, crashed into him – pinning Shaun between his own BMW and his friend's car.

After fleeing the scene, Adamec was caught and jailed for more than three years



after he admitted causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Despite both of his legs being amputated, Shaun has made astonishing progress in his recovery, learning to walk on prosthetic legs only five months after the accident.

Shaun, who currently walks using crutches has also pledged to walk down the aisle with his fiancée Charlotte Way at their wedding in July.

If that wasn't enough, Shaun is setting his sights on Team GB's paralympian team.

But Shaun also accepts that he needs to put his family life first.

"It's always been there, at the back of my mind," he said. "I'd like to give it a go. But what people don't realise

is that it's a lot of sacrifice.

"If team GB say they want me to get into rowing, I'd then have to sacrifice my legs and walking because I'd be taken away to training camps."

"I don't want to be in a position where I'll turn up in four years' time, still not being able to walk. I want to carry on as a normal person – pick up my child, walk around and do things."

"It'd be a massive high, but in the long term it could be a long low. It's something I really need to consider."

Shaun, who has raised more than £800 so far, will be donating to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Friends of Ipswich Town.

To donate to Shaun, visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/shaunandlee-tourdesuffolk>

RACING

Free racing offer for residents

THE Jockey Club is reminding the town that a free day out at the races is on offer for local residents next week.

Newmarket Racecourses will be hosting a community day on the first Bet365 Craven Meeting at the Rowley Mile Racecourse, where anyone with a CB8 post-code gets free entry.

To gain advantage of this offer, use the code *CravenCB8* when booking your ticket via www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk or call (01638) 675300.

Free tickets are limited to advance bookings, two per household and under 18s go free.

The first day of the meeting will be Tuesday, April 18.

Amy Starkey, regional director at the Jockey Club East Region, said: "With this initiative proving popular in 2016 with over 5,500 local residents attending the first day, we are pleased to offer this again to all bookers with a CB8 post-code, with the support of our sponsors, Bet365. We look forward to welcoming racegoers on course for another fantastic season and I hope to see lots of the local community at the first day of the Bet365 Craven Meeting to launch racing at Newmarket Racecourses for 2017."

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HOMELESS: Wayne Goodman and his daughter Charlee have been given temporary accommodation following the fire at the block of flats where they live



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Fire at flats leaves families homeless

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A NUMBER of families have been left homeless after a fire burnt through a block of flats on Sunday afternoon.

The blaze broke out in George Lambton Avenue, Newmarket, at around 5pm.

Twenty-three people, including seven children, have been given temporary accommodation while the flats are assessed by fire service personnel.

Forest Heath District Council, which arranged for the short-term homes, is urging the community to support the families, who have been left without food or clothing.

Wayne Goodman and his 8-year-old daughter Charlee, of George Lambton Avenue, thought their TV was on fire, only to find the whole side of their flat in flames.

Mr Goodman told the *News*: "It was scary as hell. The smoke was out of this world.

"I went looking for the flames after thinking my TV was on fire and we found it on the ground at the bottom of the block of flats. I came down with some water, put the fire out, but

found the fire was actually inside the frame of the building and was spreading very, very fast.

"So my daughter and I ran out of the flat and called the fire service. Thankfully everyone got out in time."

He added: "The fire service were brilliant. They've hopefully saved the building.

"They also got into my flat, got my jacket, trousers and shoes and brought them to me, as I was outside in just sandals and shorts."

The fire service say that belongings are 'fairly well' intact, with most of the damage coming from water and smoke.

Residents have been provided with temporary accommodation at a number of hotels by Forest Heath District Council and Flagship Homes, which owns the block of flats.

Trevor Hill, station commander for Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service, said: "We were faced with a fire in a block of flats, which was timber framed, with a fire in the cavity between the external walls and the internal plaster board walls.

"It was a very difficult situation for our crews to deal with, and the fire was spreading along the whole front face of the building along the cavity.

"We had a number of fire engines and crew members, who stripped away at the flat to get access to the cavity. The crews were on the scene for five hours, with residents being evacuated outside of the building.

"The flats themselves inside are fairly well intact. It was mostly wall and water damage."

A spokesman for Forest Heath District Council, said: "If, as seems likely, the damage is extensive, we would welcome local landlords with available accommodation to come forward. Please contact David Rutherford, West Suffolk Lettings Partnership on (01284) 757639.

"The families have been left without food or clothing, and any local organisations or residents who may want to offer support such as toiletries, clothing or food, would be warmly welcomed.

"We have contacted local businesses and are working with Newmarket Open Door for people to make donations. They can be contacted through John Durrant on (07767) 837054 who will give advice on donations."

The cause of the fire is unknown. Residents believe that it may have been arson, while the fire service are refusing to rule anything out.

CRIME

Appeal for witnesses after teenager raped

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a teenager was raped in Newmarket at the weekend.

Officers were called on Sunday to reports that a young woman had been raped between 2am and 3.45am in an alleyway off the High Street, near Church Lane.

A 21-year-old man was arrested in connection with the incident on Monday. He has been released on bail pending further inquiries.

The man is due to return to Bury St Edmunds Police Investigation Centre on Thursday, May 4.

The victim, in her late teens, is

being supported by specialist trained officers as inquiries continue.

It is thought a man may have approached the suspect and victim in an alleyway and spoken to them. Police would like to speak to this man. If you have information, dial 101, quoting reference 27991/17.

FIRE

Shop needs rebuilding after blaze at garage

A PETROL station on the A11 may need to be completely demolished following a devastating fire at the weekend.

Four fire crews worked for almost six hours at the Esso garage near Mildenhall on Saturday, after a blaze broke out in the station shop.

Crews were called to the scene at 6.53am, with four appliances from Newmarket, Bury St Edmunds and Mildenhall fire stations in attendance.

Both lanes of the A11 were initially closed between the A1101 Mildenhall Road/A1065 Fiveways and Tuddenham Road, with eyewitnesses reporting "a lot of smoke" being blown across the carriageway.

The scene was eventually declared

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safe at 10.45am, and investigation work began to uncover the cause of the fire.

David Hathaway, company secretary for MRH Retail, which manages the shop, told the *News* it would have to stay closed for a long time.

"It's fairly obvious the shop has been effectively destroyed, so it's going to have to be rebuilt, and we are considering what that also means for the rest of the forecourt premises", he said.

"The service station will be closed for some time, we just don't know at the moment."

BLAZE: The fire damaged interior of the shop. Right, firefighters at the petrol station on Saturday

No-one was injured in the blaze and everyone in the shop was able to get out safely, with Mr Hathaway praising the speedy response of Suffolk Fire Service.

He added: "They got there very quickly and although it was too well-established to save the shop, if it had burned uncontrollably there now would be much further damage to the rest of the forecourt and the canopy."

"We are very, very pleased with what they did, it just reinforces what a good job they do."



HERITAGE

Grand National silks to go on display

THE restored scarlet silks worn by the first-ever Grand National winner will be shown at the National Heritage Centre for Horseracing & Sporting Art in Newmarket.

The silks, pictured, were worn by jockey Jem Mason, who rode horse Lottery at Aintree Racecourse near Liverpool on February 26, 1839.

Chris Garibaldi, director at the National Heritage Centre, said: "These silks are a most significant addition to our collection which is now on display at the National



Heritage Centre, opened by Her Majesty the Queen in November, 2016. We

are also indebted to the Friends of the Museum for helping to fund the purchase."

The unveiling last week will challenge a long held belief that the silks worn by the winning jockey in the first Grand National were blue in colour.

Restoration of the scarlet silk satin jockey jacket was a lengthy process due to its fragility but it still retains its original sheen and colour. The work was undertaken by Jane Smith at the National Trust Textile Conservation Studio.

TRANSPORT

Council to hold rail crossing meeting

SUFFOLK County Council has scheduled a meeting with Network Rail over the closure of the Weatherby Crossing in Newmarket.

The meeting, set to take place on April 25, will be between councillors and route managing director for Anglia, Richard Schofield, to discuss alternatives.

Residents believe that the crossing closure will "split the town in half".

Meanwhile, Matt Hancock MP, who has written to

the Minister for Rail Paul Maynard urging him to block the order to close the crossing, will continue to try and organise a meeting with Network Rail.

He told the *News*: "I welcome continuing dialogue with Network Rail regarding the proposed closure of the crossing. I would especially like to thank Cllr Robin Millar for organising the meeting. I am seeking a private meeting with Network Rail

where I will once again put forth my vehement objections."

The town crossing was one of 24 in Suffolk to be submitted to the Secretary of State for closure last week.

Network Rail has been working to reduce the risk that level crossings pose and developed proposals to close or change the use of 130 crossings in East Anglia.

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Town badly needs houses

ARTHUR Roberts has had several letters published in recent weeks in which he has advised everyone not to vote Conservative at the forthcoming elections, dismissed people with left wing views as untidy rabble, while having nothing but praise for Brexit, Nigel Farage, his local UKIP councillor and even Donald Trump. Therefore, I think it is fairly safe to assume that Mr Roberts holds far right political views as is his prerogative.

Bearing this in mind, it should not be a surprise that he is totally against possible plans to build homes exclusively for racing staff on land off Hamilton Road for the single reason that these residents might choose to drive to work each day rather than cycle. If these houses are built they would be occupied by people who are near the foot of the earnings league table and who live and work in Newmarket. Mr Roberts is, however, enthusiastic for the Hatchfield Farm development to go ahead as in his fantasy world he believes it will attract buyers from Cambridge (commuters) who will be high earners with keen intellects and spend so much money in Newmarket that it will attract better class shops to the town.

Saffron Walden is a slightly smaller market town than Newmarket but over the last 30 years or so much of its housing both in the town itself and its surrounding villages have been bought by high earners working in the City of London simply because it is so easy to commute via their local rail link at Audley End.

Saffron Walden has a lot more high earners than Newmarket but nowhere near as many shops or other retail outlets as us because I'm afraid people don't always shop where they live. Personally, I would predict that as we all end up with less money to spend over the next few years as a result of Brexit there will be fewer shops in all towns rather than more. However, Saffron Walden does have one thing better than us – a better market – simply

because their market square is located near their shops.

Newmarket, like everywhere else in the UK, desperately needs new housing, but this needs to be both social housing and affordable housing for young people who live and work in Newmarket, for the siblings of long-established Newmarket families to stop them having to move away because of cost and should not be to attract Cambridge commuters. Not having studied the detailed plans for Hatchfield Farm, I'm not sure whether this is the correct development for the town or whether it is in the correct location considering that the A14/A142 interchange is badly in need of improvements and the Fordham Road is already the most congested road in town. Should it go ahead no doubt Lord Derby will be laughing all the way to the bank.

Cllr Andy Drummond (the mayor) is reported to have said that Newmarket doesn't need all these new houses and that the whole of the Forest Heath area only needs 15 new houses per year and a total of 150 over a 10-year period. I can only imagine that he has just dropped in from another planet but I suppose that when you are the lead singer for Newmarket Town Council it is only to be expected. This authority needs to jump into the real world and realise that it is meant to provide facilities and services for all Newmarket residents rather than just act as the political wing of the horse racing industry whilst blowing sizable chunks of its budget on statues, memorials, Christmas lights and private health care for the town clerk.

**Gordon Mays
High Street
Stetchworth**

Naked swim

– no thank you

WHAT a shock to see the paper emblazoned with the news that our own Paradise Pool in Ely is to be used for nudists.

My wife and I and many of my friends are not nudists and would

be very upset if this kind of thing became a regular event.

It may be good enough for Mildenhall, with their population of Americans or even Newmarket with the rich horse racing fraternity but this is Ely. I hope this is not the start of a nudist slippery slope... what next? Nude Saturday markets? Nude rowing? A nude Eel Day? No thank you.

**Mack Mathod
Annesdale
Ely**

Hub plans pose threat to life

PLANNING to put your life at risk. It sounds very dramatic don't you think but that is exactly what is being proposed by incorporating the fire service with the building of the planned Mildenhall hub.

Having spent time with the firemen themselves, they are all in total agreement that this is a bad proposed situation.

Nowhere in the country is there a fire station on the same site as a school. Not only is it on the same site but it will have the same entrance point as everyone else.

At the station's current location the response time to a call is 4-5 minutes and something they are all very proud of, rightly so as well. The firemen themselves now calculate if relocating to the hub site 10-15 minutes depending on time of day. At some point that extra time will cost a life!

At the current location they have a training house that allows the fireman to train with smoke canisters working as a team clearing rooms and training firefighting in life-like simulated conditions.

The new site offers a tower for training which will only provide somewhere to lean a ladder against.

There is a directive for shared blue light services throughout the country so why not allocate the police a position alongside the fire service away from the school. The ambulance service would not join the others by locating to a school site and for that we must applaud them.

This looks like a grant-driven bad decision which shows a disregard for the general public's safety.

**Andy Neal
Churchill Drive
Mildenhall**

Where did it all go wrong?

GEORGE Ginn's letter (29/03/17), headed "Time bomb of zero hours" raises some interesting points, indeed conundrums.

On his main concern re people not having paid enough contributions to qualify for a pension I would suggest there is no real need to worry.

National Insurance contributions are really no more than a percentage of income tax but without calling it income tax.

Governments, especially Conservative ones, are averse to increasing income tax as it might lose votes.

The bigger worry for many is being able to afford to live, even to afford the essentials of food, shelter and clothing.

Of course, now we have "living wage rates" rather than "minimum wage rates", although the former is basically the renaming of the latter.

A living wage should surely mean that a person doing a week's work should be able to "live" rather than just exist.

While, as my dad used to say, "two penny buns cost tuppence", a working couple, in theory, should be able to "live" a bit more, though if the couple become a family finances can become strained.

Back in the 50's (when I were a lad) Harold McMillan told us that we had "never had it so good", although few had TV's or fridges or even bathrooms.

Maybe Supermac was right, compared to the generation of my father who grew up in the Depression era of the 30s, then spent a few years on Arctic and Atlantic convoy escorts.

So, where did it all go wrong?

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COMMUNITY

War grave promise is honoured by woman



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A KINDHEARTED woman is trying to track down an elderly war veteran poppy seller after a chance encounter led her on a journey to Thailand.

Lesley Serrao Da Veiga, 49, met the man selling poppies in March High Street on Remembrance Day last year when she bought a poppy cross to commemorate the death of her uncle.

After saying that she was taking the cross to the Kanchanaburi war cemetery in Thailand, where her uncle Arthur George Heffer was laid to rest after being taken as a prisoner of war by the Japanese, the pair were struck by an extraordinary coincidence.

Lesley, who grew up in Fordham, recalls: "He said his brother-in-law was also buried there but nobody from his family had the opportunity to visit and pay their respects."

"I purchased a second cross

and said I would be honoured to do this on his behalf."

Lesley, who promised her father before he died she would find her uncle's grave and pay respects on behalf of her family, is now desperately trying to track down the poppy seller to let him know the promise she made to him has also been fulfilled.

Both Lesley's uncle Arthur and Private F C Seamark were in the The Cambridgeshire Regiment during the Second World War, some of whom were captured and made to work on Thailand's "death railway".

The railroad between Thailand and Burma, saw the Japanese enlist prisoners of war and Asian labourers, working them to death to build 250 miles of track over 15 months.

For Lesley it has been vitally important to mark the sacrifice made by the Cambridgeshire Regiment.

Both Private Heffer, who was just 23, and Private Seamark, 31, died building the Burma

railway - featured in the film *The Bridge on the River Kwai*.

"It was not really spoken about in my family because there was a lot of sadness," said Lesley. "But I promised my dad that if I ever had the opportunity to go I would - it's part of your family make up and history."

"So when the man said nobody from his family had been. I said I'd buy another cross and if I can find the grave I'll gladly do it for you and get some pictures developed and post them."

She said: "As a family we didn't have them so I know how precious it is. I know how far away it is for the family not to have been and done it themselves."

"My uncle was captured on February 15 when Singapore fell and that's why we went on February 15 this year because it was 75 years to the day they were captured."

"It would mean a lot to pass on the pictures and to tell him somebody has been."

COMMUNITY

Mum of seven to be remembered at Easter charity disco

THE family of a much-loved mother of seven are to hold a charity disco to raise funds in her memory.

The Easter Disco, which will take place at the Crown Pub in Fordham, is being organised by the family of Michelle Parnell.

Following a battle with melanoma cancer, Michelle, who lived in Fordham, died aged 48 on December 28 last year.

With the support of the pub and the community, her family will be donating all money raised by the event to St Nicholas Hospice Care - which cared for Michelle during the month before she died.

Michelle's daughter, Jasmine Parnell, said: "No matter what she was going through, no matter how scared she was or how much pain she was in, she always tried to smile and stay strong, she would always say there are people worse off than her."



EASTER TRIBUTE: Michelle Parnell 'always tried to smile and stay strong'

"She tried with all her strength to get through each day and make it to Christmas for her kids, even when doctors thought she wouldn't make it."

The event, which will run from 11.30am to 3pm tomorrow, Thursday, April 13, will include a disco, egg hunt, bouncy castle, face painting, a raffle and more.

RESPECT: Lesley Serrao Da Veiga visiting her uncle's grave

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PLANNING

Wickes retailer given green light for plans

A RETAILER has been given the green light to build a store in Newmarket.

The new store for DIY and home improvement retailer Wickes will be in Willie Snaith Road at a car park opposite Tesco's superstore, after Forest Heath approved the plans last week.

The retailer has not decided how many jobs

will be created, but the plans will include an internal floor area of 2,386 sq m of which 2,028 sq m will be used for sales, a fenced external project area to the rear, measuring 465 sq m and a mezzanine floor measuring 494 sq m and associated staff facilities.

Car parking will be provided to the east of

the store with vehicular and pedestrian access from Willie Snaith Road.

A spokeswoman from Wickes said: "We are continually looking at our property portfolio, this is part of our estate investment which includes upgrading existing stores to sleek, modern formats, together with opening

brand new locations."

Wickes is a British home improvement retailer and garden centre with more than 230 stores throughout the country.

Its main business is the sale of supplies and materials for homeowners and the building trade.

The store is due to open early next year.

#FINDCORRIE

Corrie dad 'indebted' to police for search

THE father of missing Corrie McKeague claims he is "completely humbled and indebted" to the police for their efforts to find his son.

Police have now sifted through around 1,500 tonnes of rubbish at a landfill site near Cambridge, after it was believed Corrie's body may have been in a bin lorry that made a pick-up in Bury St Edmunds from the airman's last known location.

Corrie has been missing since September 24 after a night out in the market town.

Dad Martin McKeague, 48, who is temporarily living in a camper van in Suffolk with his wife, Trisha, said: "Today marks our fifth visit to the landfill site in as many weeks since the search of this area began. And every time Trisha and I have the honour of looking into the faces of the team from the Norfolk and Suffolk police forces who are searching for my son there, I can't help but feel completely humbled and indebted to them. We always will be."

The search for Corrie McKeague has now cost police services more than £750,000 - which is one of the most expensive investigations.

Feline thug causes neighbour distress

RESIDENTS are up in arms over a street cat which has been acting as a bit of a thug in Newmarket.

The unidentified feline, pictured, has been accused of attacking pet kittens, dogs and causing a nuisance in the Studlands Park area.

Jordan Finding, 18, from Newmarket, who has two kittens, told the News: "This cat is always prowling along the fences. Whenever anyone's cats get out, and they do - because it's a neighbourhood full of cats - it always tries to attack them."

"We've noticed it a few times and people are now

getting cautious about letting their cats out.

"My kittens, OJ and Mojo, both went out one night - I could see them in the garden, but all of a sudden I see a ginger cat jump onto our shed.

"The next thing I hear is a massive 'yowl', and it's jumped from the shed and had its mouth around Mojo's neck. She had a massive chunk of fur missing from her back - there was blood everywhere."

It is not clear whether the cat has an owner or is stray.

Do you know this cat? If so, contact us at editorial@newmarket-news.co.uk



WANTED: Have you seen this Newmarket cat?

CRIME

Drug addict loses jail sentence appeal

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A VIOLENT drug addict who beat and threatened a woman he met on a dating site after imprisoning her in a car deserved his 12-year sentence, senior judges have ruled.

Alex Jason Simcox Wallis, 38, pictured right, of Silver Street, Burwell, met the victim online and a "relationship developed" despite her being aware that he was using hard drugs.

In 2004, Wallis went on a rampage after "demanding" £500 from the victim in order to feed his habit.

When she told him she didn't have the cash, he subjected her to a 10-hour ordeal of false imprisonment.

She was trapped in a car, head-butted, repeatedly punched and had a BB gun held to her throat.

Wallis was jailed for 12 years at Cambridge Crown Court in June 2014.

He admitted false imprisonment, assault causing actual bod-



ily harm, assault by beating, having an offensive weapon, having a bladed article, two counts of having an imitation firearm, producing cannabis and driving without a licence.

After being condemned as a dangerous offender, he was also ordered to serve an extra three years on licence after his release.

Lord Justice Hamblen, sitting at London's Criminal Appeal Court, heard Wallis's lawyers argue that his sentence was far too tough.

The judge, sitting with Sir John Saunders and Judge Nicholas Cooke QC, heard how Wallis drove the victim around the country for 10 hours in a quest for cash.

He vented his frustration that no money was forthcoming by repeatedly beating and threatening her, including holding "a BB gun to her throat and a knife to her leg."

He also told her that she had "lost her parents" as he had arranged for "some Essex boys" to visit them.

Dismissing Wallis's appeal, Lord Justice Hamblen said: "The physical injuries were not serious, but the threats were extreme."

"They were threats of great violence to her and her family. The false imprisonment charge was particularly serious."

"The sentence of 12 years was entirely justified for the offences he committed and is not arguably manifestly excessive."

"The judge was entitled to consider that he was dangerous and pass an extended sentence."

"The length of the extension period was not arguably excessive."

COMMUNITY

Centenary marked by Lions

HUNDREDS of children took part in a 100th anniversary celebration in the town library last week.

Newmarket Lions gave out 100 Easter eggs to celebrate Lions International's 100 years of service.

Children were invited to enter a competition, where they drew an Easter picture to win a big Easter egg.

The pictures will go into an art competition and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

It will be judged in three categories - under 5 years, 5-8 years and 9-11 year olds on Thursday, April 20.

Winners will be announced on the Newmarket Lions' Facebook page and gift tokens popped into the post to the winning entries.

Chris Rawlinson, of Newmarket Lions', said: "Huge thanks to Newmarket Library for allowing us to stage the event on Saturday and to all the 120 children who took part. We hope they all enjoyed the chocolate and taking part in such a fun day."

POLITICS

Candidates set for election battle

CANDIDATES have been named for the upcoming Suffolk County Council election next month.

The Forest Heath district will have five seats, which includes divisions Exning & Newmarket, Newmarket & Red Lodge, and Mildenhall.

The county is currently Conservative-run with 37 seats, while there are 15 for Labour, nine for UKIP, eight for the Liberal Democrats, three for Independents and two for the Greens.

Exning & Newmarket will see candidates Rachel Hood (Con), Michael Jeffreys (Lab), Dave Hudson (UKIP), Simon Cole (Ind) and Martin Redbond (Lib) stand for a seat. Newmarket & Red Lodge will see candidates Robin Millar (Con), Joy Uney (Lab), Roger Dicker (UKIP), Andrew Appleby (Ind) and Andrew Gillett (Lib) stand for a seat. Mildenhall will see candidates Louis Busuttill (Con), Kevin Yarrow (Lab)

and David Chandler (Ind) stand for a seat.

County councils have a number of responsibilities, including education, social services, highways, fire and rescue services, libraries, waste disposal and planning.

The election is set to take place on Thursday, May 4.

Polling stations will be open at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket Leisure Centre and the Scaltback Middle School building between 7am and 10pm.

HEALTH

Store fruit with something extra

JASMINE WATKISS
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A MILDENHALL man was shocked last week to find a cluster of spider eggs on a banana he bought at Tesco.

Jordan Platten, 22, Tweeted: "Are you trying to kill me @Tesco? Spider eggs on my banana brought from your Newmarket store! Should check it out."

Tesco responded to the Tweet, saying: "Sorry for any distress caused, Jordan. Please return this to the store at your own convenience. TY - Leighton."

Jordan, who works as a business development manager at an estate agents, bought the loose bunch of bananas in Newmarket's Tesco Extra in Fordham Road.

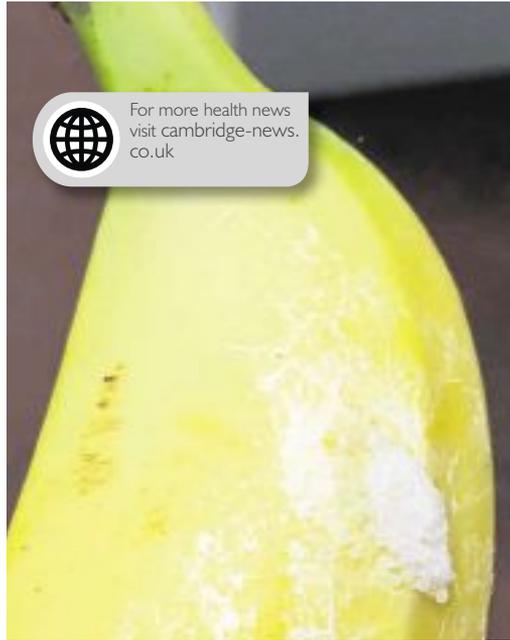
He discovered the sack of spider eggs when he arrived at work.

Jordan said: "I ate a banana from the same bunch with breakfast and took another to work."

"When I arrived, I took the banana out of my bag and noticed a white lump on it. I poked it with my pen and this exposed the eggs - there was even a dead baby spider within the eggs."

"I took some photos before teasing a few colleagues who are scared of spiders."

"I've had confirmation from back home that the



SURPRISE FIND: Jordan Platten found spider eggs on a banana he bought at Tesco

rest of the bunch doesn't have any more eggs on it, but the bananas are covered in cobwebs.

"I was shocked, but I am pretty chilled about the whole thing, to be honest."

A Tesco spokesperson said: "We sell millions of bananas every week and our growers work hard to clean

and inspect all our fruit carefully.

"However, given the freshness of our produce, this sort of thing can happen on very rare occasions."

"We have apologised to Mr Platten and are investigating the complaint."

The species of spider eggs has yet to be identified.

EDUCATION

Academy trust awarded £200,000

SAMUEL Ward Academy Trust has been awarded £200,000 and named as one of only 11 research schools in the country and the first in the East of England.

The trust, which has schools in the Newmarket, Sudbury and Bury St Edmunds areas, is

responsible for teaching around 8,000 youngsters and is to become a focal point for educational research.

Andy Samways, director of training at the trust's Suffolk Borders Teaching Alliance, said: "This is wonderful news for students and teachers and for all schools

in Suffolk.

"This designation will give us direct access to the very best thinking on teaching and learning."

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POLITICS

By-election to take place for council seat

A BY-ELECTION for Newmarket Town Council's St Marys ward will take place next month.

The election will be a two-horse race on May 4, between candidates Kevin Yarrow, top, and Robert Nobbs, below, representing Labour and Conservative parties respectively.

The council will be attempting to fill the void left by Cllr Chris Barker, who left because of "time constraints" in February.

Cllr Barker had represented the ward since March last year.

The News reported last year that four members had left in 2016, with deputy mayor Cllr Chris O'Neill admitting one left partly due to infighting. However, he added that most of the problems within the council had "now been resolved".

The by-election will cost around £5,000, meaning that the council will have spent £20,000 on by-elections since the beginning of 2016.

Polling stations will be



at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket Leisure Centre and the Scallback Middle School building between 7am and 10pm.

COURT

'Violent' rapist sent to prison for 17 years

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A "DOMINATING, manipulative bully" has been jailed for 17 years after being convicted of rape and a string of sexual offences spanning 35 years.

Ronald Sharp, 52, of The Street, Erswell, had been described during his trial at Ipswich Crown Court as a "manipulative bully" who had forced his victim to perform sex acts without her consent.

Judge John Devaux jailed Sharp for 17 years and made him the subject of an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order, banning contact with any girls under 16.

Judge Devaux, who described the offences as "most serious", also granted an injunction prohibiting Sharp from contacting his victim.

During the trial, the prosecution claimed that Sharp, had a "voracious sexual appetite" and had forced his victim to perform sex acts without her consent.

Sharp was last month found guilty of two offences of rape, indecent assault, attempted rape and other sexual offences involving the same woman.

The jury found Sharp not guilty of six alleged offences of rape involving a sec-



GUILTY: Ronald Sharp

ond woman.

Some of the offences, all of which Sharp had denied, were said to date back to the 1980s with some as recent as 2015. It was alleged the offences took place in



Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

The court heard evidence from the two women who claimed they had been subjected to unwanted sexual advances from Sharp who had used his physical strength to force them to comply with his wishes.

Prosecuting, Caroline Gardiner alleged that Sharp had used threats and violence to get what he wanted from the women. Miss Gardiner said: "He is a dominating, manipulative bully."

Giving evidence, Sharp said that while he had strong arms, he denied using his strength to force the women to do anything.

Sharp denied, during cross examination by Miss Gardiner, that he was unable to control his sexual appetite.

The court heard that when interviewed by police, Sharp had claimed that he had consensual sex with the women.

At a previous hearing, Sharp pleaded guilty to four offences of indecent assault and one of gross indecency with a girl aged under 16.

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HIGH COURT

Judge to rule on Hatchfield plan

THE High Court has reserved judgment on a landmark legal battle between Lord Derby and the racing industry on plans to build hundreds of homes in Newmarket.

Lord Derby wants to build 400 homes on Hatchfield Farm, but is facing opposition at London's High Court from the Newmarket Horsemen's Group, which includes the Jockey Club and Tattersalls.

The group says the peer's proposals will lead to increased traffic and pose a threat to horses using crossings in the area.

But Lord Derby is being backed in court by a group of 15 rural parish councils, which represent more than 17,000 residents in Suffolk.

The councils want housing in Newmarket, rather than the wider countryside.

A spokesman representing Lord Derby told the News: "At the High Court hearing the Rural Parishes Alliance and Lord Derby presented a clear case for the refusal of planning permission on Hatch-

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field Farm to be quashed and subsequently re-determined by the Secretary of State.

"We remain of the view that Hatchfield Farm is a sustainable place for new homes in Newmarket, as recognised by both Forest Heath District Council and the inspector who conducted a three-week inquiry into the application.

"We await the verdict of the High Court on the matter."

Christopher Boyle QC, for Lord Derby, said Forest Heath District Council had been on the verge of granting planning permission for the scheme in 2014. But, after he was "lobbied" by local MP, Matthew Hancock, the then Communities Secretary Eric Pickles intervened, said the barrister.

A hard-fought public inquiry ensued and a government planning inspector recommended approval of the housing project.

However, after only a month in the job, new Communities

Secretary Sajid Javid went his own way in August last year and refused consent.

Mr Boyle argued Mr Javid had failed to abide by the government's own policy to encourage "sustainable" housing schemes.

The view that traffic would pose a danger to racehorses was also fatally "inconsistent" with an earlier planning decision, he claimed.

And he told Mr Justice Gilbert that Mr Javid had taken an over-cautious approach when assessing the impact on the racing industry.

David Elvin QC, for the Newmarket Horsemen's Group, however insisted that Mr Javid's decision could not be faulted.

He had been right to take a "precautionary approach" when focusing on the issues of horse safety and the potential impact of the development on the world's most important centre for the racing industry.

Mr Justice Gilbert reserved his decision and will give his ruling at a later date.

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Popular attraction celebrates 25th year

WITH summer fast approaching, the Burwell Museum and Windmill are reopening for the season.

This year, the prestigious Burwell location is celebrating its 25th anniversary – and there are a whole host of upcoming events that will get the party mood in to full swing.

This coming Sunday and Monday (April 16 and 17), the museum's annual Easter egg hunt will be taking place and this time, it promises to be even bigger and better than ever.

With craft workshops, games and refreshments for the whole family, including a chocolate egg for every hunter, this will be the ideal way to end the Bank Holiday weekend.

This Sunday is also the opening date of the museum's birthday competition, with participants being asked to design a mug to celebrate the big quarter century anniversary.

The lucky winner will receive prizes including a mug with their design, a goody bag and a

museum season ticket.

The competition is open until Friday, June 30 to participants of all ages.

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MAYTE GARCIA laughs as she recalls how her husband would borrow her make-up, mascara and even clothes from her wardrobe.

But then her husband was Prince, the icon revered for his flamboyant style and enigmatic public image, as much as his music.

"He wore my make-up, he wore my perfumes. If I bought a new one, it would be gone. Even my pants [trousers]. He would take them and get them cut so that he could wear them," reveals Mayte, 43, who at 5ft 4ins, was two inches taller than the star.

A dancer, she met the Purple Rain megastar when she was 16 and he was 32, and became his backing dancer, long-time muse, first wife and mother of his only child. They married in 1996 and split a few years later, finally signing divorce papers in 2000.

She says the year since his death has been an 'awakening.'

"It's made me more compassionate and more aware of my surroundings. It's been a year where you don't want it to be real, where you wake up thinking, 'Did all of this really happen, is this a dream?'"

It also led to her decision to reveal what it was like being married to one of the most famous and enigmatic music performers and writers of the century, which she does through her new book, *The Most Beautiful: My Life With Prince*.

Today, she lives in a modest home in a Los Angeles suburb with her adopted daughter Gia, five, and teaches belly dancing, as well as keeping busy with the small dog rescue charity she founded. It's a far cry from Paisley Park, Prince's vast recording complex and living area outside Minneapolis.

She still has pictures of him, some of his clothes and jewellery, which she's resisted auctioning off, but can't quite bring herself to listen to the music he created during their time together.

It all started in 1990; Mayte had gone to see Prince perform in Barcelona, and after returning to Germany, where her pilot father was based, her mother found out that the singer's Nude Tour would be in Mannheim later that year. She persuaded Mayte to shoot a video of herself dancing - in the hope of getting her a job - which they handed to a dancer backstage before the concert. Prince agreed to meet her.

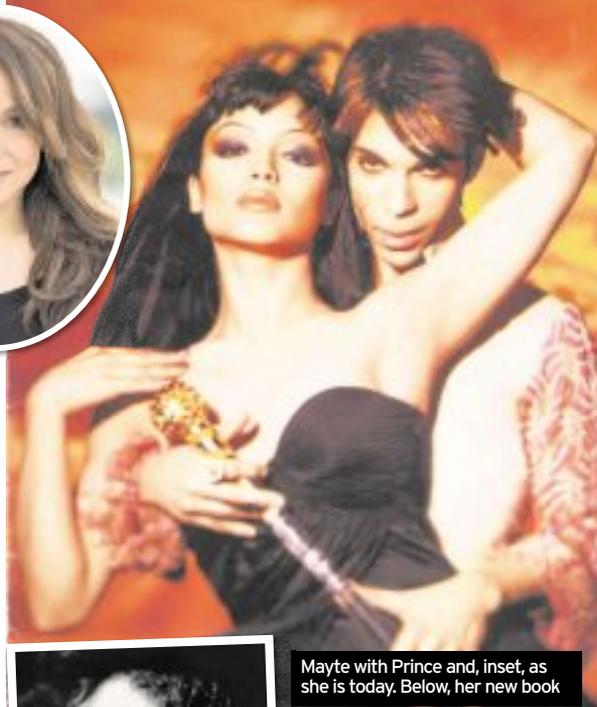
"He was a genius who had a big heart. I want people to know that he wasn't a weird recluse. He was definitely not normal, but that's why people loved him."

When they married, she joined him on five world tours, appeared in dozens of music videos, after-shows and photo-shoots.

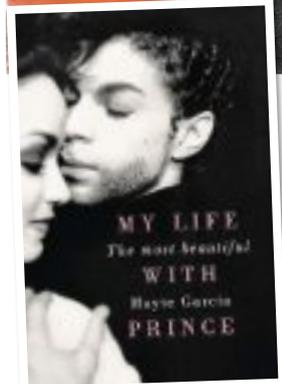
"He was funny, playful. He was older than me, but he made me

STILL GRIEVING FOR HER PRINCE

As the anniversary of Prince's death approaches, his first wife Mayte Garcia tells **HANNAH STEPHENSON** about how the enigmatic star made her feel, the tragic loss that tore them apart, and coping with her grief



Mayte with Prince and, inset, as she is today. Below, her new book



feel important, like what I had to think and say mattered. I remember feeling like I had a voice, even if it wasn't something I had anything to do with, like music.

"He would listen to me, talking about life. He was a great friend and very attentive, very alert."

Once married, Mayte fell pregnant quickly, but heartache followed when their son, Amir, lived for just a week, due to a rare genetic disorder.

on tour.

"At first, we helped each other," she says. "He went on tour and I got healthy. We were together and we tried again."

She believes he was so lost in his own grief that it left him vulnerable to recruitment into the Jehovah's Witnesses by his friend Larry Graham, the former bass player for Sly And The Family Stone. His newfound faith further distanced him from Mayte.

An early miscarriage in her second pregnancy led to further distress, but Prince threw himself into more touring and met Manuela Testolini, a consultant for his charity, who was to become his second ex-wife.

Mayte signed the divorce papers in 2000, but not before Prince had instructed his assistant to burn everything in the house that reminded him of her or the baby, including the contents of the nursery, Amir's crib, toys, clothes and even his ashes.

"Now, being older, I look back and think I could definitely have dealt with it differently. I don't blame myself, but there's a part of me now that thinks, fight for what you love. It's always in my heart and it's painful."

She says she was never aware of Prince taking drugs in the decade they were together or popping too many prescription pills, although she records several incidents in the book in which he behaved strangely, saying he was sick.

Nevertheless, his death at 57, from an accidental overdose of painkillers, came as a huge shock.

Mayte was on her way to an animal care centre when Manuela texted her, asking her to call her.

Pulling over, she made the call to be told that Prince had died in a lift at Paisley. Mayte recalls screaming and crying, and arrived home to find reporters and photographers were already camped outside.

In the last year, she's grieved a lot, but says: "I also know because of what we went through, that he [Prince] wouldn't want that. He was always looking to evolve and become enlightened and go to the next level, so when I have my moments - and I've had many - I have to remember that he was such a spiritual man.

"I've lost someone very important in my life. We hadn't spoken for a few years, but that love was still there.

"I think April 21 will be really hard for everybody," Mayte continues. "I'm hoping this book gives people a sense of comfort. It's a beautiful love story and I hope it makes people love him more."

■ **The Most Beautiful: My Life With Prince** by Mayte Garcia (Trapeze, £18.99)

LATEST TITLES

GONE: A GIRL, A VIOLIN, A LIFE UNSTRUNG by Min Kym, Viking, £14.99 (ebook £9.99)

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THE theft of a £1.2m Stradivarius violin from a Pret a Manger at Euston Station threw its owner, Korean-born violin genius Min Kym, into the spotlight in 2010.

In this heartfelt memoir it's the description of the intense, loving relationship she has with her beloved Strad which makes this story come alive, how it fitted her body, how she felt like she was putting on Cinderella's slipper. Only then can the reader realise that the theft of that violin was so much more than a physical, financial matter. This fascinating true story is one from the heart - have the tissues ready.

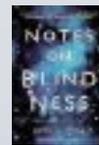


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★★★★★
A GRIPPING book that will challenge your preconceptions and leave you reeling at the complexities of a life deprived of sight.

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Cover property – Dullingham: £1,095,000



THIS equestrian property in Station Road, Dullingham, is now available to own at a guide price of £1,095,000.

Inside the house itself, accommodation comprises a double aspect sitting room, kitchen with four ring gas hob and oven, cloakroom, three double bedrooms (including a master with en suite) and a separate bathroom.

Outside, there is

a detached double garage and a driveway, garden laid to lawn with paved terrace and equestrian facilities including paddocks, horse paddocks, hay barn, loading ramp, muck heap and perimeter ride. There is ample space to build further facilities if necessary.

For more details contact Jackson-Stops and Staff on (01638) 662231.



Burwell: £400,000



THIS single storey residence in Hatley Drive, Burwell, is now available to own at a guide price of £400,000.

Inside the property, accommodation comprises a sitting room, dining room and a kitchen with space and plumbing for appliances.

Elsewhere, there are two bedrooms, one of which has built in wardrobes and an en suite shower room, as well as a bathroom with bath, WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

Outside, the property is approached by a private driveway. Directly outside the property, there is a double garage, patio area, summer house and garden shed.

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Newmarket: £395,000



THIS detached bungalow in Ashley Road, Newmarket, is now available for £395,000.

Inside the property, accommodation comprises an entrance hall with storage cupboard, sitting room, dining/garden room and a double aspect kitchen with an integrated four ring Neff induction hob.

To the front of the property, there are two bedrooms and a bathroom featuring a bath with shower over. Outside, there is a driveway with parking for several cars, as well as front and rear gardens laid to lawn.

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Burwell

£298,000

An extended 3 bedroom end terrace property with a superb long rear garden. The property benefits from an open plan dining room and kitchen/breakfast area, a sitting room, a ground floor bathroom and first floor shower room. Additional features include gas-fired central heating, a large main bedroom, double glazing, a garage and off-road parking. EPC: E. NO CHAIN.



Burwell

£325,000

A modern 3 bedroom detached house situated in a well regarded cul-de-sac convenient for the village centre and local amenities. The property features an open plan sitting/dining room, a modern fitted kitchen and gas central heating. Further benefits include a first floor bathroom, garage with parking and a private rear garden. EPC: C.



Newmarket

£385,000

A 3 bedroom detached house with a large rear garden. The property has been extended to the rear and benefits from a large sitting room overlooking the garden, a separate dining room and a kitchen/breakfast room. Additional features include a bathroom on the first floor, a long garage adjoining the property, gas central heating and double glazing. EPC: E.



Denham

£485,000

An elegant wing of Denham Hall, a Grade II listed country house. The property boasts a delightful open plan beamed living area with exposed timbers and beautiful gothic style sash windows. The property occupies an idyllic semi-rural setting approached via a sweeping driveway leading to moated grounds and with the benefit of a large private garden. EPC: E.



Newmarket

Guide Price £439,950

A deceptively spacious and greatly improved 4 bedroom detached family home offering superb living accommodation and a generous plot. Benefits include an entrance hall, sitting and dining rooms, stunning kitchen, utility room, vaulted family room, 4 bedrooms, 2 bath/shower rooms, parking and a studio/gym. EPC: E.

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Brinkley Guide Price £485,000

A beautifully presented 3 bedroom detached period house with a large courtyard, a double cart lodge, a stable and workshop and a small pony paddock. The property has been sympathetically renovated and extended to provide accommodation that includes a vaulted dining room, a farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room, a sitting room with a wood burning stove and a utility room. EPC: D.



Burwell Guide Price 500,000

A substantial detached family residence fronting a green within this most popular Cambridgeshire village. The property benefits from being comprehensively improved and extended and offers an entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, sitting room, family/dining room, 4 double bedrooms, en-suite and family bathroom, gardens, garage and ample driveway parking. NO CHAIN. EPC: D.



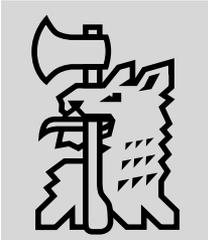
Newmarket Guide Price £675,000

A superb, extended, Victorian detached residence comprehensively refurbished with meticulous attention to detail, resulting in a truly fine period home fused with a modern, stylish twist. Benefits include an entrance hall, shower room, drawing and sitting rooms, kitchen / dining room, utility room, 4 double bedrooms, en-suite and family bathroom, double garage and manicured gardens. EPC: D.



Ashley £350,000

A superbly presented 4 bedroom detached bungalow with a large garden backing onto open farmland. The property benefits from a superb double aspect sitting room with a wood burning stove, a large open plan fitted kitchen and dining area and 4 bedrooms with 1 ensuite. Additional features include a utility room and family room/study and a large private south facing garden in a corner plot. EPC: D.



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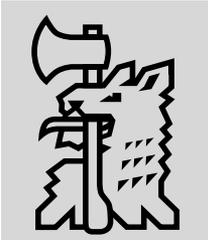
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A spacious detached bungalow in a sought after and quiet town location with an attractive enclosed garden and single garage. Sitting Room • Dining Room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Conservatory • Inner Hall • Two Bedrooms and Bathroom • Driveway and Parking • Single Garage and Enclosed Rear Garden. EPC Rating "C".

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In celebrating the rich heritage and history of the town, it outlined the importance of Newmarket, not only to international horseracing but also as a centre of historical excellence within Great Britain.

This year promises to be another exciting year with 39 racedays taking place between April and November.

Starting on the Rowley Mile in April, the newly-sponsored bet365 Craven Meeting will remain in the original three-day format which was re-introduced last year. In celebration of the new season, we are offering all residents with a CB8 postcode two free tickets per household for the first day of the three-day meeting on Tuesday, April 18.

We look forward to the first of our nine Group One races, as well of the start of the QIPCO British Champions Series, with the QIPCO 2000 Guineas



We've got another exciting season lined up

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on Saturday, May 6, closely followed by the QIPCO 1000 Guineas on Sunday, May 7. With a value of £500,000 each, the first two Classic races of the year not only have parity in prize money but also remain the most valuable races of their type in Europe.

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This year, we look forward to welcoming 2015 Great British Bake Off finalist and Cambridgeshire resident Ian Cumming as the guest baker who will design an exclusive afternoon tea menu for Winning Post customers on the Saturday.

On Sunday, in line with some fabulous family entertainment, the Winning Post Pavilion will be the perfect place for the family to enjoy the racing from, offering a rather unique view alongside a delicious carvery lunch.

The highlight of summer at the picturesque Adnams July Course is the Moët and Chandon July Festival taking place from Thursday to Saturday, (July 13-15). With Ladies Day on the Thursday and Gentleman's Day on the Friday, the popular Saturday is headlined with the Group One Darley July Cup which once again received the accolade of Europe's best Sprint race based on official ratings. The Newmarket Town Plate will again be run on the first day of this three-day Festival, taking place ahead of the rest of the card at 1pm.

Racing returns to the Rowley Mile on Saturday, September 23 for Cesarewitch Trial Day. Ten racedays make up the Gold Season at Newmarket Racecourses, which include five of our Group One contests.

As part of the changes to the European Pattern Programme, we can confirm that the Princess Royal Nayef Stakes, part of the card for Shadwell Day on Friday, September 29, has

been upgraded to Group Three status, increasing the total number of Group races over the Cambridgeshire Meeting to seven. The popular three-day Festival culminates on Saturday, September 30 this year – the weekend ahead of the prestigious Tattersalls Book 1 yearling sales, and will again feature both the Group One Cheveley Park Stakes and the Group One Judmonte Middle Stakes – making the historic Middle Park/Dewhurst Stakes double achievable.

Dubai Future Champions Festival at Newmarket's Rowley Mile will once again include both the Group One Fillies' Mile and the Group One Dubai Dewhurst Stakes, arguably the most important races of their type and key indicators for the Classic races the following season.

With both races worth £500,000 apiece, making them the most valuable Group One juvenile

races in Europe, they attract the best juvenile talent with five of the last 10 winners of the Dubai Dewhurst Stakes crowned European Champion Two-Year-Old at the Cartier Awards, including 2016 winner, Churchill.

Alongside some fantastic sport at each of our 39 racedays, we will again host some of the most internationally acclaimed artists throughout our series of music events during the summer.

With seven of the eight acts confirmed for Newmarket Nights and Summer Saturday Live, we are pleased to announce a line-up including Jess Glynne, Little Mix, Culture Club and Olly Murs.

I do hope you have the most enjoyable year and I look forward to welcoming you to Newmarket Racecourses during 2017." ◆



Rhododendron wins the Fillies Mile at last year's Dubai Future Champions' Festival

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The Jacksons, Olly Murs and Jess Glynne are all set for this year's Newmarket Nights

BRING ON THE NIGHTS!



by **emily martin**

THE LIVE music events at Newmarket Racecourse have gained quite a reputation for being pretty special by anyone's standards.

Some of the world's biggest stars have taken to the stage over the years, from Kylie Minogue to UB40, and superstar DJ Mark Ronson to the awesome Kaiser Chiefs.

Newmarket has practically become the St Tropez of East Anglia when it comes to celeb-spotting (kind of).

And this year is certainly no exception with the headliners' star-power already off the charts.

Little Mix are set to return following an amazing performance to a sell-out crowd in 2016. Get ready to flick your hair to *Shout Out to my Ex* and *Touch* on June 23.

Next it's The Jacksons. The ACTUAL Jacksons, who will take to the stage on June 30.

Expect a first-class band and smash hit after smash hit. Getting a ticket for this gig is as easy as one, two, three, but not for long! We'll be there . . .

Eighties chart-toppers Culture Club are next up on July 21, then it's super-cool and Brit-nominated Chase and Status who will be doing a set on August 11 so don't miss it.

The *Troublemaker* himself, Mr Olly Murs, is coming to Newmarket Nights for the very last date of his UK tour and is planning to finish with a bang, so grab a ticket to the show on August 18.



From top, Little Mix, Chase & Status, and James, below

The incredibly cool Jess Glynne is returning again for the second year running to perform all her hits such as *Take Me Home* and *Don't Be So Hard On Yourself*.

And you might want to 'sit down' for the next one as 90's group James (now going for almost 30 years) will be performing on August 4 with a set-list bound to feature songs such as *Sit Down* and *She's a Star*.

For tickets to Newmarket Nights visit thejockeyclublive.co.uk

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IT WAS ARGUABLY the most extraordinary performance ever delivered on the historic Rowley Mile at Newmarket.

In an emphatic expression of his dominance, Frankel didn't just beat his rivals in the 2011 renewal of the 2000 Guineas – he swept them aside with dismissive ease.

The Sir Henry Cecil-trained colt showed the massive stride that his army of fans would become increasingly familiar with as he galloped in splendid isolation up the centre of the course.

By halfway, Frankel led by around 10 lengths and he remained in the clear with a display that left the racing world in awe of his amazing talent.

Like the rest of us, trainer Martyn Meade marvelled at the horse – and wished he had one like it.

"It was just a sparkling performance – he seemed to do it so effortlessly," said Meade, who has a 50-box stable on Bury Road in Newmarket.

Six years down the line and the master of Sefton Lodge now does have his very own Frankel.

Not the one and only, of course. He is a stallion at his owner Prince Khalid Abdullah's Banstead Manor Stud in Cheveley.

But Meade, 69, trains a son of the superstar in the shape of Eminent.

Meade's charge is among Frankel's initial crop of horses, who this year have their first chance to contest the Classics – that elite group of races contested by horses aged three.

And Eminent holds a QIPCO 2000 Guineas entry for Saturday, May 6, a date his connections have been dreaming of since late last September when he gave the perfect debut display at Newmarket.

Initially held up in mid-division, he powered through the closing stages of that mile maiden, jockey Jim Crowley struggling to pull him up after his victory by almost three lengths.

It was just the sort of exuberant trait that reminded a few of his father back in his racing days.

Meade said: "He's quite a playful sort of character – he needs to be amused all the time – and (beforehand) I thought he might be in the paddock, bucking and squealing, thinking 'This is exciting'."

"That was my reservation. But he just took to it like an old-timer. As soon as we legged him up and he cantered down to the start, I thought 'This horse is going to run a proper race here'. And he did.

"It took a bit of time for him to get it all organised and understand all the other horses were around him. Then, as soon as Jim asked him, he thought, 'Ah, I get this' and off he went.

"Jim had a hell of a job pulling him up. That was the most impressive thing about it. He didn't win by miles but he was full of running when he hit the line."

The subsequent winter months have seen this imposing bay colt develop physically.

Eminent, owned by Sir Peter Vela, is indeed a grand-looking model. Tall and with a good head on him, he is definitely an alpha-male type.

His early-season preparations have all been going smoothly, too. He has pleased in his fast exercise and, touch wood, remains a structurally sound and healthy individual.

No wonder, then, Meade and his team have all been getting excited in the build-up to the rugs being pulled off their top three-year-old prospect.

"He won that race very well," added Meade. "It's not a world beating race in itself. But, for me, it was the way in which he won it and the way that he subsequently improved . . . dramatically, in the way that he works. And he has filled into his frame. He has

Trainer Martyn Meade, right, and stable groom Glenn Osborn give Eminent, a son of the great Frankel, below, the once over
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Like father, LIKE SON?

by **tony rushmer**

just done everything right. I've been a bit careful with him because he is a heavy horse. He is young – a three-year-old just – so one mustn't put him under too much pressure at home.

"But so far he seems to have coped with everything we've asked him to do."

Plans are likely to remain a little fluid with regard Eminent's exact programme. The Group Three Craven Stakes – a recognised Guineas trial over the Rowley Mile – could be used to give the horse a little more experience on Thursday, April 20.

There's also the option of taking in a racecourse gallop during the Craven meeting (April 18-20).

Meade explained: "The Guineas is the first target for him. Whether he should have a trial or not

depends on where we are. He'll definitely be entered in the Craven but what I wouldn't like to happen is for him to have a really hard race in that. It's easy to go for a racecourse gallop, which we could do as an alternative."

In the longer term, Eminent also has engagements in the Derby and its French equivalent. They suggest that his best distance could end up being beyond a mile. Indeed, Eminent's relaxed racing nature has Meade thinking that the mile and a half at Epsom may not be beyond the horse.

By the end of the first week in May, the trainer is likely to know a fair bit more about him.

One thing is for sure, though, he has seriously high hopes for the horse – albeit shared with a smile. Meade said: "First of all, I'd like him to be a Classic winner and then we go down from there!"

MARTYN Meade has enjoyed plenty of success since resuming his trainer career in 2013.

Meade, a successful businessman with interests in property, timber and engineering, used to train Flat and jumps horses in Wiltshire.

But on moving to Newmarket, he switched his focus solely to Flat racing – alongside a breeding operation at Snailwell Stud.

Irish Rookie finished second in the French 1000 Guineas for the Meade team in 2015 and, last year, Aclaim, right, become their headline horse.

The progressive colt capped a fine three-year-old campaign with a Group Two victory in the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket last October.

Meade said: "You've got to have those sort of horses. We're always aiming at getting those Pattern winners if possible – that's the thing that puts you on the map. Aclaim did that for us last year, which made a huge difference."

The big aim in 2017 for Meade and his son and assistant Freddie is for the stable to notch up a first Group One win. In Aclaim, certainly, and



maybe Eminent they have a pair of horses who could deliver at the highest level.

With that goal in mind, Aclaim is being tuned up for a shot at the Locking Stakes on May 20 at Newbury.

Meade said: "We gave him a bit of time out and he has come back like a real bull.

"We really want to win a Group One with him if we can. I think that he has got it in him.

"The way he has done over the winter is pretty exciting."

Last year brought a decent tally of 21 winners in all for Meade's string. But his focus is more on vying to achieve at the top levels of the sport than it is about numbers.

"I think it's really the quality of winners that's the most important thing," said Meade, summing up the ethos at Sefton Lodge.



WU-HOO!

Wuheida spearheads Appleby's big-race plans

TAKING A DECISION to focus on quality rather than quantity in 2016 proved to be an inspired tactical move by Godolphin, with Charlie Appleby feeling the benefit.

While numerically his total number of British winners for the year may have been down on his 2015 figure of 151, the Newmarket handler enjoyed an increase on the number of successes achieved at Group-race level.

Out of the 70 British winners that came his way, six of those were achieved in Pattern company highlighted by the Group One success of Hawkbill in the Eclipse last July.

More glory came the way of Appleby in Europe before the season was out

thanks to the victory of Wuheida in the Prix Marcel Boussac at Chantilly, a victory he hopes signifies a sign of things to come in 2017.

He said: "Numerically 2015 was our best season, but last year we changed our strategy in regards to looking more at quality rather than quantity.

"We increased our Group One winners and black-type winners in the European season. The highlight of the season was winning the Eclipse and we finished it on a high with the Marcel Boussac win.

"We felt we had a better class of horse last season. Going into 2017, the feeling is that hopefully we can build on it to get Godolphin competing on the Classic and world stages and, on the back of that, produce a few nice stallions along the way."



Charlie Appleby

WUHEIDA

"She stayed in the UK this winter and has done well. She is a filly I've always liked and has done all the right things during the winter. The plan with her is hopefully to head straight to the Guineas.

"She went and had a look around at Huntingdon the other day and did everything we asked of her. She has come out of that very well. We might take a look at taking her up to Newmarket for the Craven meeting to give her a spin on the track.

"We've always had the Oaks earmarked as we feel she will excel at that trip. I am confident we will see her very best going further than a mile."



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Charlie's darlings: Four more from the Appleby string

BLUE POINT

"He was placed in both the Middle Park and Dewhurst. We tested the waters over seven in the Dewhurst and while he didn't disgrace himself, he clearly showed he was better over six.

"He has thickened out well and has strengthened up. He looks like a sprinter. He has a big backside and is thick through the shoulders.

"He went out to Dubai for the winter and has done all the right things ahead of his three-year-old career. We will work back from the Commonwealth Cup and look towards the Sandy Lane at Haydock as a starting point."

BOYNTON

"He is a horse that has only had three runs in his life. His form is rock solid. He had some niggles in the autumn so we took him out to Dubai. We went there with the intention to run, but with Thunder Snow out there, there was no point in clashing heads with him, so we have taken our time.

"The Guineas is something we are tip-toeing towards, but I am not forcing him on it. If he comes to hand in time, we will certainly look at it, but he is a horse with a bright future.

"If he doesn't make it to the Guineas, we will look at trying to give him a run before going for something like the St James's Palace Stakes. In time, he will go better as



"When he gets his ground we know what he can do"

Charlie Appleby's verdict on Hawkbill, above

he goes further. He is a mile-and-a-quarter horse."

HAWKBILL

"When he gets his ground, we know what he can do. He needs cut in the ground and he will be campaigned around that. He will be entered in all those Group Ones over a mile and a quarter and a mile and a half and go where the ground is best.

"The first half of last season in those first two races, what he achieved was not a surprise. He was five out of five going into the Eclipse and he had The Gurkha to beat. It was a pleasant surprise he won, but not a surprise that he ran well.

"He is another that wintered out in Dubai. We are very pleased with him and we might look at starting in the Jockey Club Stakes or maybe the Tattersalls Gold Cup in Ireland."

SALSABEEL

"He broke his maiden at Yarmouth and then went on to finish second in the Flying Scotsman at Doncaster. He was a big two-year-old and has strengthened well. What he did at two was a bonus because of his size.

"We will look towards a Guineas trial and take it from there. Obviously he has got a bit to find to be a Guineas contender. He will be entered in the French and English Guineas trials.

"A more conventional track might suit him, but we could test him in the Craven."

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The rise and rise of a progressive fellow

BREAKING NEW GROUND each year is a hard thing for any trainer to achieve, but is something Charlie Fellowes has made a habit of doing. Looking through the Newmarket handler's statistics shows improvement in each of his three years with a licence, with both his annual winners and earnings totals better than the previous ones.

Last year saw Fellowes, a former assistant to fellow Newmarket trainer James Fanshawe, saddle 25 winners on British soil, along with gaining his first stakes winner thanks to the victory of the now-retired Moonlit Show in a Listed contest at Fairyhouse in September.

With three targets set out for this season, there is every chance

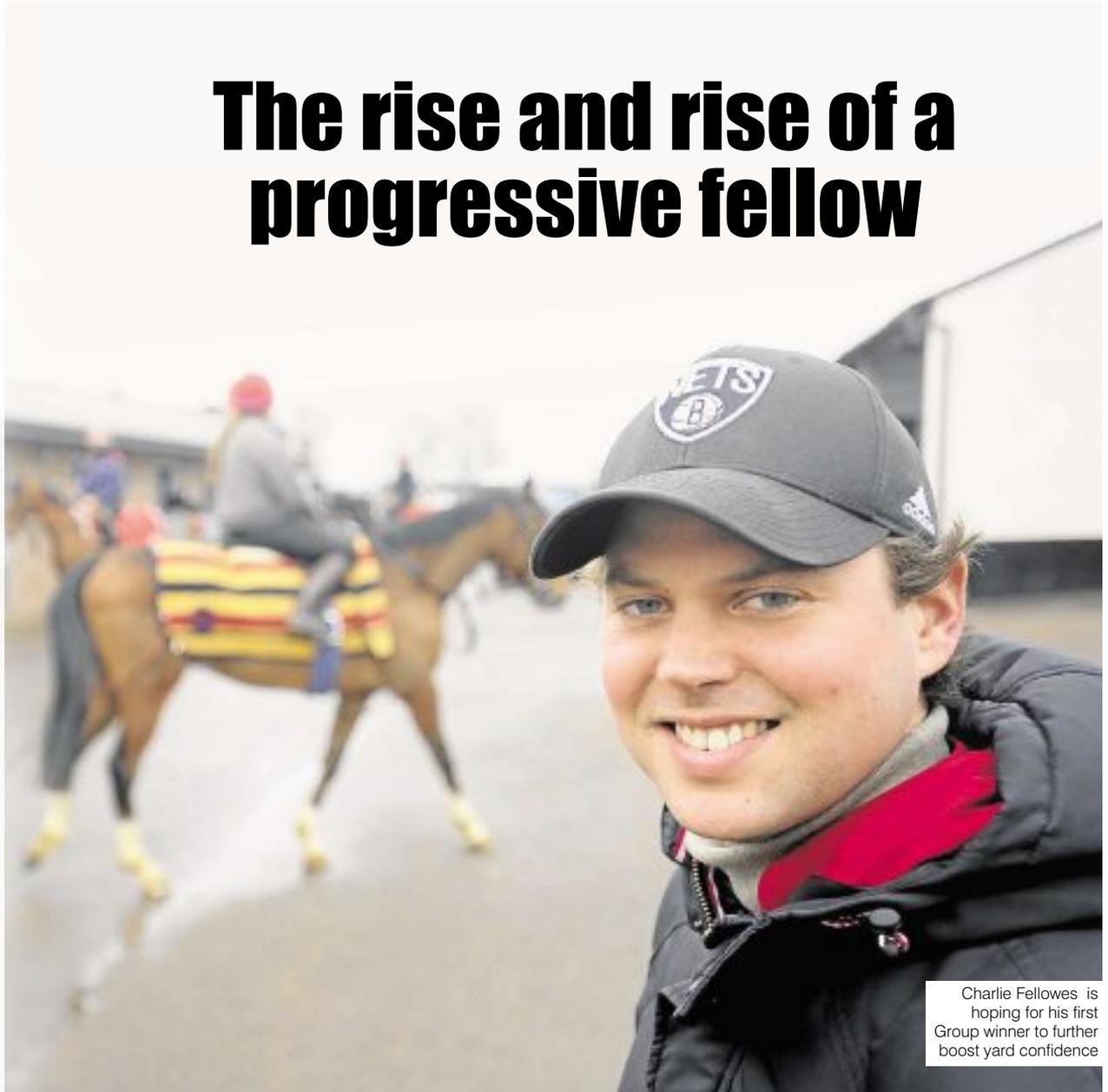
“The obvious thing to aim for is 30 winners and to get a Group winner, along with breaking £200,000 in prize-money. All three are realistic targets”

Fellowes will go on to tick each of them off and take the next step up the ladder.

He said: “We had an awesome year last year and I am hoping we will improve again.

“The obvious thing to aim for is 30 winners and to get a Group winner, along with breaking £200,000 in prize-money. All three are realistic targets and if we get to the end of the year having not done this, it would be disappointing.

“The big one is improving the numbers of winners and to get that first Group winner, as it gives people the confidence we can train a good one. I really believe we will have that breakthrough.” ♦



Charlie Fellowes is hoping for his first Group winner to further boost yard confidence

Charlie's choice: Five with star quality

CRIMSON ROSETTE

“She ran an absolute blinder first time out at Newmarket behind two horses that are well regarded. She was green and the trip was too short. On her second start she was slow out of the gates at Chelmsford and you can't afford to do that there.

“I think a lot of her and she has come back looking fantastic, but she is probably a month away from running yet. There is a fillies' maiden at the Craven meeting, so she might go there if she is ready in time.

“We will go a mile straight away with her and she may get further in time, but I would like to think she could be a Sandringham type for Royal Ascot.”

CHIEFOFCHIEFS

“He has run twice for me, finishing third the first time then second. He is a really good-looking horse that has done well over the winter.

“He got an injury at the back-end so we had to stop with him. He is a big boy and built like a

machine. He takes a lot to get fit.

“He will probably do his first piece of work this weekend and it will take all of April to get him fit. We are looking at the beginning of May to get him out if we have no setbacks.

“He will probably get a mile and a quarter but we will start him over a mile. Realistically we would be looking at some of those nice races at the back-end of the year. He could be a Cambridgeshire horse.”

ENDLESS ACRES

“He has only run four times as a four-year-old and is a really late developer. He would switch off in

the middle of his races last year as if he wasn't interested. I don't think he wasn't trying, he was just physically and mentally immature.

“He has come back from his holidays and strengthened up and looks wonderful.

“The plan is to run him in the Chester Cup. He is rated 81 so he would need to go up about 10lb.”

PRINCE OF ARRAN

“He was not putting his best foot forward, so we gelded him and he hacked up at Kempton, then ran a blinder in a Listed race back there over a mile and a half. He was a bit unlucky as he got stuck behind horses and got out too late.

“Trying to improve one out of Andre Fabre's yard is not going to be easy at all and I am very aware of that”

“He is by Shirocco and staying races look to be where his future lies, but Good Friday (at Kempton) will tell us where we go. I think he will be at his best over two miles and if we can improve him again for that step up in trip and get him up to 110, then we are in business.”

REPERCUSSION

“He was purchased from Andre Fabre's yard. He is pretty lightly raced but rated 95. He is a good-looking horse that doesn't carry much condition. Trying to improve one out of Andre Fabre's yard is not going to be easy at all and I am very aware of that.

“The owners want to go to Royal Ascot and while he has been running over a mile, his pedigree suggests he will get further than a mile if he learns to relax.

“The Duke of Edinburgh might stretch him so it leaves us with either the Hunt Cup or Wolferton, but he needs to go up 5lb to get in these races. I don't know where he will start.” ♦

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FOR THE second consecutive year, Europe's leading bloodstock auctioneers Tattersalls have given owners the chance to win a £25,000 bonus if their October Book 1 purchase wins a Class 2, 3 or 4 two-year-old Maiden or Novice race in Britain run between April 1 and November 1 this year.

This scheme has proved popular with horse owners, with 425 applying to take part this year, in the hope their yearling will be crowned champion in one of the 300 qualifying horse races taking place in the UK and Ireland between now and November.

In addition, all yearlings sold, bought in or failing to meet their reserve at Book 1 of the 2016 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale will be eligible for the huge bonuses.

Last year, the inaugural Book 1 bonus scheme saw £1,050,000 in bonuses distributed to the owners of 42 maiden and novice winners in Britain and Ireland. One of the maiden winners was Global Applause, trained by Ed Dunlop.

Reflecting on the effects of the scheme, he said: "Global Applause's owner Johnny Hon bought one yearling at October

Book 1 in 2015. He won over £30,000 for winning his maiden and because of the Bonus specifically targeted Book 1 last year. I've said it before, and I will say it again: the Book 1 Bonus is a fantastic incentive."

This year, the 425 entries represent 86 per cent of lots offered at the 2016 renewal of Europe's premier yearling sale.

Commenting on the number of entries for the £25,000 Tattersalls October Book 1 Bonus, Tattersalls's chairman Edmond Mahony said: "We were confident that the £25,000 October Book 1 Bonus would quickly capture the imagination of owners and trainers and the huge number of entries reflects the overwhelmingly positive response to the scheme.

"Eighty-six per cent of lots offered at last year's October Book 1 have entered and each one of them stands to win from around £30,000 up to as much as £70,000 for winning a qualifying Maiden or Novice race."

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Less than two years ago Josephine Gordon was on the brink of quitting because “I thought I was terrible and doing everything wrong”. Now she is champion apprentice and has joined one of HQ’s rising powers. So what’s the secret?



I’m driven by the fear of a return to the barren years

by **tony rushmer**

JOCKEY JOSEPHINE GORDON knows last season will be a hard act to follow – but has no plans to reach for the handbrake.

In 2016 she became just the third female rider to land the champion apprentice’s crown.

Gordon, 23, has since swapped living in Lambourn for a Newmarket base as she has joined top trainer Hugo Palmer’s team.

Now the rising star of the saddle is hoping the move to racing’s HQ will help her to continue climbing the ladder.

“I’m always going to be asking for a bit more – I always will,” says Gordon, assessing her career. “That’s just how I am.

“But at the same time I am so grateful because I didn’t expect it to go this well.”

Gordon admits she has to pinch herself at her extraordinary rise, which came completely out of the blue.

Indeed, fewer than two years ago she was considering giving up on her race-riding dream, disheartened by a lack of success.

In short, Gordon went ages without a winner. Having booted one home on just her ninth ride in 2013, it would take until June 2015 before she repeated the feat.

“Of course it got to me,” she says. “At the time I thought it was horrific – I thought I was terrible and doing everything wrong.”

But on reflection, Gordon believes that her seemingly endless run without a win wasn’t the worst thing in the world. Far from it.

“I learnt that way – out the back and scrubbing away on stuff,” she says. “I feel you probably learn more by riding things that don’t necessarily win. It probably helped me.”

The lengthy barren patch ended at Bath where she partnered 25-1 outsider Shamrock Sheila.

It was a victory for her then boss, trainer Stan Moore. Gordon had gone to work for him in Upper Lambourn several months earlier.

It proved a good move as Moore gave her opportunities and also helped with constructive comments on her riding.

“I thoroughly enjoyed Stan’s and I learned loads there,” she says. “After I rode, the next day



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agent that was working hard for her – and, most importantly, her belief was boosted through Shamrock Sheila's success.

"You can't get a better feeling than riding a winner," says Gordon.

Happily, it was a feeling she got very used to in 2016. What had seemed so elusive for so long was now a regular occurrence.

Not only was she crowned champion rider on the all-weather circuit, she then exceeded expectations by replicating the achievement on the turf.

In total, she signed off for last year with no fewer than 87 winners.

"Amazing" is how she describes her season of high-relentless success. "When you're riding winners you're always on a high."

Driven and focused – and occasionally fuelled by fears of a return to the barren times – she never allowed any complacency to creep in.

"You had the odd week or two where it was quiet, didn't get a winner and you're thinking back to that dry spell . . . 'No, it's not going to happen again'. It's probably made me more determined."

Gordon will need that strong will this season and beyond as she now has to compete on a level playing-field with all the weighing-room's top jockeys.

Having reached the 95-winner mark for her career last November, she lost her apprentice's claim – an allowance that starts at 7lb and decreases to 3lb, relative to success in the saddle.

But all the signs so far this year have been positive. By the end of March she had already hit the 25-winner mark for 2017.

As well as riding a bunch of winners for Palmer, she'd had success for big-name trainers such as Roger Charlton, David Simcock and Godolphin's Saeed bin Suroor.

The support from Sheikh Mohammed's global racing operation is a real endorsement of her talent.

She won on her very first ride for Godolphin and has since struck up a real rapport with progressive filly Natural Scenery on whom she has triumphed three times.

Such an association, like the ones with Stoute and Palmer, may well lead her to fulfilling her next ambitions.

While wanting to keep the winners flowing, Gordon is eager to increase her big-race experience.

She is keen to test herself in Group races and is aiming for more higher-profile winners.

"Quality rather than quantity," she sums up.

As for now, she is enjoying Newmarket and the busy early-morning life on its world-renowned Heath.

"It's a lot bigger than Lambourn," she says. "Queuing for the gallops – that's pretty mad. There are just horses everywhere."

But Gordon, thanks to her fast-track ascent, is certainly someone who stands out from the crowd.



Josephine Gordon takes the applause of her weighing room colleagues after becoming champion apprentice

JOSEPHINE Gordon is expecting more female riders to have success this season and beyond.

Last October she became the third female to claim the champion apprentice title, emulating the achievements of Hayley Turner (2005) and Amy Ryan (2012).

All three have proved that women can succeed against their male counterparts in the weighing-room. Gordon said: "Men are obviously stronger than females. But it's not always about strength when you're riding a horse. It's about positioning a horse, holding a horse together."

She is also on record as stating that there will be a women's champion

jockey in the next 15 years.

"I do think there will be," she added. "There are so many more girls around nowadays, getting a lot more opportunities than they would have done 10, 15 years ago. I wouldn't be surprised if there was a female champion jockey."

As for 2017, Gordon expects several more to make their mark and believes Hollie Doyle will feature in the race to finish champion apprentice.

She said: "Hollie is very good, has got a lot of support and I think she'll be in the mix. Jane Elliott is coming through the ranks and I think she is going to have a very good season."



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he'd have me in the office, talking me through the races whether it was on his horse or somebody else's.

"If I did make a mistake, he wouldn't tell me off – he'd correct me. Even now if I bump into him, he says 'well done' or 'you should have done this, you should have done that'."

Shamrock Sheila's long-odds win came around the time she teamed up with agent Phil Shea. He, according to Gordon, has been "brilliant" for her career.

Suddenly, everything had slotted into place. She had a trainer that supported her, an





IT IS ONE thing for a trainer to have a Classic prospect on their hands and another to turn those dreams into reality when the occasion arrives.

That transition is something William Haggas has achieved twice before, with victories in the Investec Derby and Oaks topping the list of big-race successes that have helped the Newmarket handler become one of Britain's top trainers.

With last year's *Racing Post* Trophy winner Rivet as short as 14-1 for the QIPCO 2000 Guineas, and no bigger than 20-1 for the Epsom showpiece, there is every chance that 2017 could be the year Haggas extends his Classic total.

He said: "Rivet is fine and I would like to give him a run before he has a cut at a Guineas of some description.

"At the moment we are leaning towards France, but he is in the English, he will be in the Irish and any other Classic we can think of.

"As far as his best trip goes, he might be best at 10 furlongs but I don't know that yet.

"He is out of a Galileo mare so he might get a mile and a half. It is early days, but he looks stronger to me.

"I think, very much so, that he exceeded expectations last year. You always hope when you have a good-moving horse with a pedigree that they will be good.

"He is a fluent mover. His brother loved top of the ground and could cope with the soft, but he has won on slow ground and I think he will be as effective if not more so on fast ground.

"You hope his life is only beginning and not at an end."

While plenty of focus will understandably be on Rivet, Haggas could have a filly of equal potential in new arrival Sea Of Grace.

The three-year-old daughter of Born To Sea tasted defeat on her debut but won her last two starts for former trainer John Oxx, including a Group Three at the Curragh.

Haggas said: "I like her. She has done well. We are planning to go to Newmarket for the Nell Gwyn to give her a taste of Newmarket and the track.

"She will stay a mile well and might get further in time. But if she is going to win a Guineas she needs to put a good show up in the Nell Gwyn.

"She has had a kind preparation as a two-year-old and has everything to look forward to, I hope.

"She came in great shape and so far she has had a thoroughly good preparation this winter. John Oxx felt she could easily be a Group One filly and he was going to run her in the Moyglare but she got a temperature. "We are very lucky to have her."

When looking back through the big-race victories that Haggas has enjoyed it is noticeable that a Group One victory at Royal Ascot is an omission from his impressive record.

That statistic could change should the talented, but at times frustrating, Mutakayef,

William Haggas

Andrea Atzeni pilots Rivet to victory in the *Racing Post* Trophy at Doncaster
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Rivet's steeled for a Classic campaign

who finished fifth in the Dubai Turf on his first start of the year with the ground against him, finally deliver at the top table.

He said: "I think there is plenty of life left in Mutakayef. He is a good horse in his own right. He ran some very good races last year and he looks pretty good over a mile.

"I thought he was very impressive at Ascot and that was the first time he did what I hoped he would do. Then he was third to Postponed and Highland Reel in the Juddmonte and I guess that was some of the best middle-distance form of the year.

"He is going to be attacking

some smart races this year.

"The one race I really want to have a crack at this year is the Sussex. He has definitely got a Group One in him."

Progressive stayer Dal Harraild has yet to scale the same heights as a number of his stablemates, but hopes are high he can continue his upward curve, having successfully moved out of the handicap ranks with a Listed victory at Newmarket on his final start in 2016.

He said: "He is a nice, young stayer and I don't know how far he is going to go.

"He is useful already. I suspect he will start in the Yorkshire Cup.

"He likes firm ground and that is not

always the case at that time of the year at York, but he will run in a decent race first time out and we will decide which way to go with him. He will get an entry in the Gold Cup at Ascot.

"He just got better all year. We are quite excited about him. We would like to look at going to Melbourne with him in the autumn because he is a fast-ground horse, and apparently that's what you need out there.

"He improved a lot all summer but he has to have fast ground. He has been rubbish on soft ground. He could run in the Jockey Club Stakes.

"It will be dependent on the ground."

"I think, very much so, that he exceeded expectations last year. You always hope when you have a good-moving horse with a pedigree that they will be good"

ACROSS DUBAI

"He's a nice horse. He won his maiden very well at Lingfield. It's difficult to know what he achieved there but he looks the part and I think he will get a mile and a quarter no problem. He might end up going for a Derby trial. He might go for the Feilden or he might wait and go for the mile-and-a-quarter Listed race at the Guineas meeting."

CRISTAL FIZZ

"She is out of a Galileo mare so she should stay and she has got ability. I've put her in the Guineas, but that might be a step too far, though I suspect she will run in a trial, possibly at Newbury for the Fred Darling if we can get her ready in time. She relaxes well and clearly stays seven furlongs well. She has done nothing wrong."

GITTER GIRL

"She is a fair yardstick and ran pretty solidly all year. She may well go for the Fred Darling as well. She is not a very big filly but an athletic one and is very genuine. She has come to hand quite early, so I suspect we will run her quite early. She is a speedily-bred horse."

GRAVITY FLOW

"She has to have fast ground. She'll go to Bath for a fillies' Listed race at the end of April if the ground is right, then to Nottingham for a similar race but over six (furlongs) in mid-May. The Summer Stakes at York in early July is her big target. If she can make that same improvement again she will be a really good filly."

LAPILLI

"He's a good sprinter and is one that wants fast ground, but he had a few issues at the back-end. I think he'll get six furlongs in a better-run race. He could easily be a Stewards' Cup type and Goodwood would be his place, too. A fast six furlongs would be right up his street."

MUBTASIM

"He'll either start in the Pavilion at Ascot or the Carnarvon at Newbury in May, or even the Sandy Lane at Haydock. He could be more of a Jersey horse as he won over six

and a half (furlongs) at Doncaster. The Commonwealth Cup is relatively new race with a good lead-up programme. If he shapes well in them he will have a crack at the Commonwealth Cup."

ON HER TOES

"She's not very big but she is very genuine. I think she wants seven (furlongs) on fast ground so she will be aimed at the better-class races. She might end up being a Sandringham filly as she might get a mile. I'm not in a rush with her to get her going. What she lacks in size she makes up in heart."

QUEEN OF THE STARS

"She is a Sea The Stars filly from a good family and she won her maiden over a mile and a quarter at Pontefract by seven lengths and didn't run again. I think she has developed well. She is only rated 77 at the moment but I've always thought

Haggas on the rest of his string ...

"He could easily be a Stewards' Cup type and Goodwood would be his place, too. A fast six furlongs would be right up his street"



LOCKHEED

"We've got him in some nice races. I don't think he will be ready for the Feilden but he will probably start off over a mile, possibly a mile and a quarter. He is a fast-ground horse. He is rated 108 and I'm sure he is a stakes horse, but I don't know where he will quite end up."

she could be Listed class if things go her way."

SECOND THOUGHT

"He is improving. He's bred with a lot of speed in his family. I want to go for the three-year-old final at Lingfield on Good Friday, but, on the evidence of his latest race, that might be a bit short for him but he could develop into a Jersey Stakes horse. He had an injury after he ran in May and that's why we decided to give him an all-weather campaign."

SENIORITY

"He is talented. I think he wants fast ground as he got a bit stuck in the mud at Sandown. He is rated 88 and I suspect he will start in handicaps. He will get a mile and might well get a mile and a quarter, but fast ground is important to him. He did it well but he is a colty type and we need to keep on top of him."

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- 15 Brighton, Kempton Park*, Musselburgh
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- 17 Redcar, Wolverhampton*
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- 26 Catterick Bridge, Epsom, **Lingfield Park***
- 27 Beverley, **Chelmsford City***
- 28 Doncaster, Sandown Park
- 29 Doncaster, Leicester, Haydock Park, **Wolverhampton***, Ripon
- 30 Thirsk, Salisbury

◆ MAY

- 1 Beverley, Windsor, Bath
- 2 Nottingham, Brighton, **Wolverhampton***
Chelmsford City*, Yarmouth
- 3 Pontefract, Wolverhampton*, Ascot, **Yarmouth, Brighton**
- 4 **Musselburgh**, Lingfield Park*, Redcar
- 5 Musselburgh, Chepstow, Lingfield Park*
- 6 Newmarket, **Doncaster**, Goodwood, Thirsk
- 7 Newmarket, Hamilton Park
- 8 Ayr, Southwell*, **Chelmsford City***, Windsor
- 9 Ayr, Leicester
- 10 Chester, Bath, **Chelmsford City***
- 11 Chester, Catterick Bridge
- 12 Chester, Ripon, Ascot, Lingfield Park, **Nottingham**
- 13 Nottingham, Ascot, Lingfield Park, **Thirsk**
- 15 Wetherby, Brighton, Windsor
- 16 Beverley, Chepstow
- 17 York, Bath, Yarmouth
- 18 York, **Newmarket**, Salisbury
- 19 York, Newmarket, Newbury, **Hamilton Park, Newcastle***
- 20 Newmarket, **Doncaster**, Newbury, Thirsk
- 21 Ripon
- 22 Carlisle, **Leicester, Windsor**, Redcar
- 23 Brighton, Newcastle*, Nottingham
- 24 Ayr, **Kempton Park***, Yarmouth, Lingfield Park
- 25 Catterick Bridge, **Chelmsford City***, Goodwood,
Sandown Park
- 26 Haydock Park, Bath, **Musselburgh**, Goodwood,
Pontefract
- 27 Chester, Haydock Park, Goodwood, York, **Salisbury**
- 29 Chelmsford City*, Redcar, Leicester, Windsor
- 30 Redcar, Leicester, Lingfield Park*, **Wolverhampton***
- 31 Ayr, Nottingham, **Kempton Park***, Beverley

◆ JUNE

- 1 Hamilton Park, Wolverhampton*, **Chelmsford City***,
Newcastle*, Lingfield Park
- 2 Epsom Downs, Catterick Bridge, Bath, **Doncaster**,
Goodwood
- 3 Epsom Downs, Doncaster, **Lingfield Park**, Musselburgh,
Newcastle*
- 5 Ayr, Leicester, Thirsk, **Windsor**
- 6 Wetherby, Chepstow, Yarmouth
- 7 Hamilton Park, **Kempton Park***, Ripon, Wolverhampton*
- 8 Carlisle, **Sandown Park**, Haydock Park, Ripon
- 9 Carlisle, Brighton, **Haydock Park**, Wolverhampton*,
Goodwood
- 10 Newmarket, Beverley, Chester, **Chepstow**,
Catterick Bridge, Haydock Park
- 11 Nottingham, Goodwood
- 12 Ayr, Brighton, **Pontefract, Windsor**
- 13 **Lingfield Park**, Yarmouth, Salisbury
- 14 **Hamilton Park, Kempton Park***, Haydock Park, Yarmouth
- 15 **Haydock Park**, Nottingham, Newbury
- 16 **Chepstow**, York, **Goodwood**, Sandown Park
- 17 **Leicester**, Bath, Musselburgh, **Lingfield Park**, York,
Sandown Park
- 18 Doncaster, Salisbury
- 19 Carlisle, **Nottingham, Windsor**, Wetherby
- 20 Royal Ascot, **Beverley**, Thirsk, **Brighton**
- 21 Royal Ascot, Hamilton Park, Ripon, **Chelmsford City***
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- 28 Carlisle, Bath, **Kempton Park***, Salisbury
- 29 Newmarket, **Hamilton, Newbury, Newcastle***, Nottingham
- 30 **Newmarket, Chester**, Doncaster, **Newcastle***, Yarmouth

◆ JULY

- 1 Newmarket, **Doncaster**, Chester, **Lingfield Park**,
Newcastle*, Windsor, York

- 2 Windsor
- 3 **Hamilton Park**, Wolverhampton*, **Windsor**, Pontefract
- 4 Hamilton Park, Brighton, **Chepstow**
- 5 Bath, Thirsk, **Kempton Park***
- 6 Haydock Park, Yarmouth, Epsom Downs, **Newbury**
- 7 **Beverley, Chelmsford City***, Doncaster, **Haydock Park**,
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- 8 Beverley, Leicester, Sandown Park, **Carlisle, Nottingham**,
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- 9 Ayr
- 10 Ayr, **Windsor, Ripon**
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- 30 Pontefract
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◆ AUGUST

- 1 Beverley, Goodwood, Yarmouth
- 2 Goodwood, **Leicester**, Redcar, **Sandown Park**
- 3 Goodwood, **Epsom Downs**, **Ffos Las**, Nottingham
- 4 Goodwood, **Newmarket**, **Musselburgh**, Bath, Thirsk
- 5 Goodwood, Newmarket, Doncaster, **Hamilton Park**, **Lingfield Park**, Thirsk
- 6 Chester
- 7 **Carlisle**, Salisbury, Ripon, **Windsor**
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- 23 York, **Carlisle**, Bath, **Kempton Park***
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- 31 Musselburgh, **Wolverhampton***, Bath, **Chelmsford City***

◆ SEPTEMBER

- 1 Thirsk, Sandown Park
- 2 Beverley, Chester, **Chelmsford City***, **Hamilton Park**, Sandown Park
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- 28 Newmarket, **Chelmsford City***, Pontefract

- 29 Newmarket, Haydock Park, **Newcastle***
- 30 Newmarket, Haydock Park, Chester, **Chelmsford City***, Ripon

◆ OCTOBER

- 1 Musselburgh, Epsom
- 2 Bath
- 3 Ayr, **Kempton Park***
- 4 **Kempton Park***, Nottingham, Salisbury
- 5 **Chelmsford City***, Lingfield Park*
- 6 Ascot, **Chelmsford City***
- 7 Ascot, Newmarket, Redcar, **Wolverhampton***
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- 18 Nottingham, Bath, **Kempton Park***
- 19 Brighton, **Newcastle***
- 20 Haydock Park, **Newcastle***, Redcar
- 21 Catterick Bridge, Ascot, **Wolverhampton***
- 22 Southwell*
- 23 Pontefract, Windsor
- 24 Newcastle*, Yarmouth, **Kempton Park***
- 25 Newmarket, **Kempton Park***
- 26 **Chelmsford City***
- 27 Doncaster, Newbury, **Wolverhampton***
- 28 Doncaster, Newbury, **Wolverhampton***
- 30 Leicester, Redcar
- 31 Catterick Bridge, **Wolverhampton***

◆ NOVEMBER

- 1 **Kempton Park***, Nottingham
- 2 **Chelmsford City***, Lingfield Park*
- 3 Newmarket, **Newcastle***
- 4 Newmarket, **Newcastle***
- 6 **Kempton Park***
- 7 Redcar, **Wolverhampton***, **Kempton Park***
- 8 Nottingham, **Kempton Park***
- 9 **Chelmsford City***
- 10 **Newcastle***
- 11 **Wolverhampton***, Doncaster
- 13 Southwell*
- 15 **Newcastle***
- 16 **Chelmsford City***, Southwell*
- 17 **Chelmsford City***, Lingfield Park*
- 18 Lingfield Park*, **Wolverhampton***
- 20 **Wolverhampton***
- 21 Lingfield Park*
- 22 **Kempton Park***
- 23 Newcastle*, **Chelmsford City***
- 24 **Newcastle***
- 25 **Wolverhampton***, Lingfield Park*
- 28 Southwell*
- 29 **Kempton Park***, **Wolverhampton***
- 30 **Newcastle***

◆ DECEMBER

- 1 Southwell*, **Chelmsford City***
- 2 **Wolverhampton***
- 4 Southwell*
- 5 **Wolverhampton***
- 6 Lingfield Park*, **Newcastle***
- 7 **Chelmsford City***
- 8 **Chelmsford City***
- 9 **Wolverhampton***
- 11 Southwell*
- 12 Lingfield Park*
- 13 **Kempton Park***, Lingfield Park*
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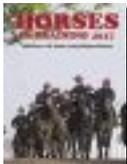
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◆ MAY

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- 6** Includes QIPCO 2000 Guineas, Longholes Palace House Stakes, Dunaden Jockey Club Stakes. First race 1.50pm
- 7** Includes QIPCO 1000 Guineas, The Charm Spirit Dahlia Stakes, The Tweenhill Pretty Polly Stakes. First race 1.50pm

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- 18** First race 5.50pm
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Autumn: The Rowley Mile

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- 28** Includes The Tattersalls Stakes, The Jockey Club Rose Bowl (formerly The Fenwolf Stakes). First race 2pm
- 29** Includes The Shadwell Joel Stakes, The Shadwell Rockfel Stakes, The Princess Royal EBF Nayem Stakes. First race 1.55pm
- 30** Includes The Bettfred Cambridgeshire, The Juddmonte Royal Lodge Stakes, The Connolly's

- Red Mills Cheveley Park Stakes, The Juddmonte Middle Park Stakes. First race 1.50pm

◆ OCTOBER

- 7** Sun Chariot Day. Includes The Kingdom Of Bahrain Sun Chariot Stakes, The £150,000 Tattersalls October Auction Stakes. First race 1.45pm

Dubai Future Champions Festival

- 13** Autumn Ladies' Day. Includes The Oh So Sharp Stakes, The Cornwallis Stakes, The Challenge Stakes, The Fillies Mile, The Old Rowley Cup. First race 1.35pm
- 14** Future Champions Day. The Dewhurst Stakes,

- The Bettfred Cesarewitch, The Autumn Stakes, The Zetland Stakes, The Darley Stakes. First race 1.45pm

- 25** Two-year-old Day. Includes The Houghton Conditions Stakes First race 2pm

◆ NOVEMBER

The Final Meeting

- 4** Includes The Irish Stallion Farms 'Bosra Sham' EBF Fillies' Stakes. First race 1.50pm
- 5** Includes: The British Stallion Studs EBF Montrose Fillies' Stakes, The James Seymour Stakes, The Ben Marshall Stakes. First race 1.50pm

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Big Orange, right, scampers clear of the Princess of Wales's Stakes field on the opening day of the July Festival last year. The Moët & Chandon-backed summer highlight starts on July 13 this year. Left: Jess Glynne makes racecourse return on August 26, the last day of action on the July Course

Summer: The Adnams July Course

◆ JUNE

- 10 Animal Health Trust Charity Race Day. First race 1.55pm
- 23 Newmarket Nights: Little Mix. First race 5.50pm
- 24 Summer Saturday: Heroes Day. First race 2.10pm
- 29 Throwback Thursday. First race 2pm.
- 30 Newmarket Nights: The Jacksons 50th Anniversary Tour. First race 5.30pm

◆ JULY

- 1 Summer Saturday: Sports Day. First race 2.10pm

The Moët & Chandon July Festival

- 13 Ladies Day: Includes The Princess of Wales's Stakes, The July Stakes, The Bahrain Trophy. Meeting preceded by Newmarket Town Plate (1pm)
- 14 Gentleman's Day: Includes The Tattersalls Falmouth Stakes (3.10pm), The bet365 Duchess of Cambridge Stakes, The bet365 Handicap Stakes, The bet365 Silver Burnbury Cup Handicap. First race 2.05pm
- 15 Darley July Cup Day: Includes The Darley July Cup (3.25pm),

The bet365 Bunbury Cup, The bet365 Superlative Nursery Stakes. First race 2.15pm

- 21 Newmarket Nights featuring Culture Club. First race 5.40pm.
- 22 Summer Saturday: Great British Summer Day. Includes The Newsells Park Stud Stakes (registered as The Aphrodite Stakes). First race 2.10pm
- 28 Newmarket Nights
- 29 Summer Saturday: Countryside Day. First race 2pm

◆ AUGUST

- 4 Newmarket Nights featuring James. First race 5.20pm
- 5 Summer Saturday. First race 2.15pm
- 11 Newmarket Nights featuring Chase & Status. First race 5.35pm
- 12 Summer Saturday: Royal British Legion Day. First race 2.05pm
- 18 Newmarket Nights featuring Olly Murs. First race 5.30pm
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Colin Nutter on Sir Mark Prescott

AS AN ADVERT for a career in racing, the working partnership between trainer Sir Mark Prescott and his employee Colin Nutter takes some beating. Nutter first arrived at his boss’s Heath House Stables in Newmarket in 1972. He was a 15-year-old lad from Manchester, who had never sat on a horse.

Forty-five years later, he is still there. Nutter was taught to ride by Prescott and in 1974 kicked home a colt called Longacre for a short-head victory at Carlisle. It was the first of his 105 successes in the saddle.

Nutter, 60, eventually became ‘head lad’ – a key role in yard life – within Sir Mark’s business. And his decades of commitment were deservedly recognised in February with the Dedication to Racing honour at the £120,000 Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards in London.

Prescott said: “Colin is tough, uncomplaining, reliable, absolutely honest. I can’t

ONE MAN, ONE GUV’NOR

Stable groom Colin Nutter’s 45 years’ excellent service to Newmarket trainer Sir Mark Prescott has recently been recognised with a national award. **Tony Rushmer** met the two men to discuss their longstanding alliance





Colin Nutter takes a breather from his job at Heath House Stables, where he has worked himself up from a very raw recruit to head lad at the headquarters of Sir Mark Prescott, right



Pictures: Tony Rushmer

remember him telling me a lie about anything – ever. If he told me the moon was black, I would believe him.

“He was my first apprentice and my best. If I tell him, ‘this is what we’re doing’, that’s it, it gets done – his face will never change.”

As 45 years of service would suggest, Nutter offers similarly warm sentiments about his employer.

He said: “Sir Mark has been very good to me – and he is very good to the staff. There’s a lot of stable people that keep going from one job to another but no, I’ve never been tempted that way.”

Nutter’s life in racing followed a chat with his careers officer at school. The schoolkid was told there was a one in 20 chance of making it as a jockey.

But he’d been inspired by reading an article about Terry Biddlecombe, the dashing jumps jockey. Plus, his physique at the time played a part in his choice of potential career.

Nutter said: “I was so small and so thin. There was nothing else that I could do in those days. I was probably about 5st – barely 5ft.”

The careers officer duly sent off some letters, including one to Prescott, then a trainer approaching his mid-20s.

The Mancunian recalled: “Sir Mark taught me how to ride. I hadn’t sat on any horses, nor donkeys or anything.

“They were bigger than what I’d see in the fields. It was frightening but I just got on with it.”

Nutter got used to the lifestyle and his growing appreciation for the horses he cared for underpinned everything. “You started to fall in love with them,” he said.

That enduring affection and respect remains at the core of what he does now. He particularly relishes watching the progress an individual makes from yearling to two-year-old racehorse and beyond.

“You’ve watched them from babies, growing up into that,” he said.

While having just one employer sounds rather an idyllic – and rare – situation in the modern era, Nutter’s working life has not always been easy.

Indeed, he survived a traumatic accident in 2006 when a car struck into the two-year-old he was aboard at a horse crossing on Bury Road.

He sustained four broken ribs and the horse had to be put down. Nutter recalls flying 10 feet up in the air before landing on the concrete.

“I was very lucky,” is his verdict. “I’m still here to tell the story.”

It says a lot for the man – and endorses Prescott’s opinion of his durability – that Nutter was back in the saddle after about six weeks.

Colin finally called time on his riding-out days last year but still plays an integral part in the life of the yard.

The alarm clock sounds just after 4am and he is in at Heath House by 5am. His daily routine includes overseeing the equine swimming pool.

He said: “I teach the horses to swim. We do it one step at a time and make sure that they enjoy it.

“If you teach them the wrong way, you’ll never get them in.”

Prescott makes it clear just

how important good staff, such as Nutter, are to a racing stable: “They hold the whole thing together,” he said.

It is a challenge, though, for trainers to secure those essential helping hands. That’s nothing new, however.

Prescott said: “The 1970s, it was terrible – we couldn’t get staff. Then it got better, now it’s going to go through a bad time because of the restrictions on foreign labour.

“So it always has been one of the biggest worries for a trainer – to get good staff, keep good staff, educate good staff.”

The hours in racing may be unsociable and it is not an industry for those wishing to keep their hands clean.

But Prescott – one of racing’s most fascinating and charismatic figures – is convinced that working in racing has a lot of upsides.

He said: “If you like it, as I have all my life – and Colin’s liked it – it’s fantastic, it’s exciting, it’s dangerous, it’s stimulating.

“Every day is different. We never know what’s going to happen.”

As for Nutter, he is not planning on calling time on his career at Heath House in the near future.

“It’s a good life,” he says with a smile. ◆

“Colin is tough, uncomplaining, reliable, absolutely honest. I can’t remember him telling me a lie about anything – ever. If he told me the moon was black, I would believe him. He was my first apprentice and my best. If I tell him, ‘this is what we’re doing’, that’s it, it gets done – his face will never change”

Sir Mark Prescott on Colin Nutter

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS often count for everything and for fledgling trainer Tom Clover there will be plenty of focus on what he achieves over the coming months.

Having spent the previous five years as assistant to David Simcock, the 31-year-old – with partner and fiancée Jackie Jarvis, the daughter of the late Michael Jarvis – has made the decision to branch out and become the latest name to join the training ranks in Newmarket.

While targets remain low key at this stage of his career, the Wroughton House Stables handler is well aware firing in a steady flow of winners will be imperative early on if he is to become a success in the future.

He said: “It was the right time to strike out on my own. If you can do eight years as an assistant, I think it is a good stint and will stand you in good stead. If you do the graft, hopefully in the long term you will reap the rewards.”

“I’m under no illusion that what we need is winners, but I’ve not set a number of winners I want to achieve.”

“I just want the horses to run well and the ones that should win do exactly that and keep attracting owners.”

“I’m trying to do the best by every horse and hopefully the winners will come, rather than setting a target. David Simcock was not one for setting targets and I’m cut from the same cloth.”

Attracting high-profile owners has not proven to be a problem so far, with some of the most recognisable names in racing placing their faith in his skills, along with tempting a former trainer



Fledgling trainer Tom Clover with Jackie Jarvis, his assistant and fiancée

and Manchester City icon to become involved in horses in his care.

Clover said: “We’ve been lucky so far, we’ve attracted Kirsten Rausing, Alan Spence and Imad Al Sagar and Saleh Al Homaizi (owners of 2007 Derby winner Authorized).

“We also have an unnamed two-year-old by

Acclamation that is owned by Francis Lee. He used to have lots of horses with Michael Jarvis and Jackie’s mum is very good friends with him.

“He hadn’t had a horse for years. He rang up and said what have you got, and him and a friend bought the Acclamation colt. He is very much a horse for the back-end. He has got loads of scope

Clover steps into a new field

New trainer’s branching out

and covers the ground lovely. We would start him at a mile and go from there.

“We have also got Jack Berry involved in a syndicate. He is another of Gaye and Michael’s old friends. They have a Foxwedge filly called Sweet Vixen who I hope will make the racecourse in May. She is training well.



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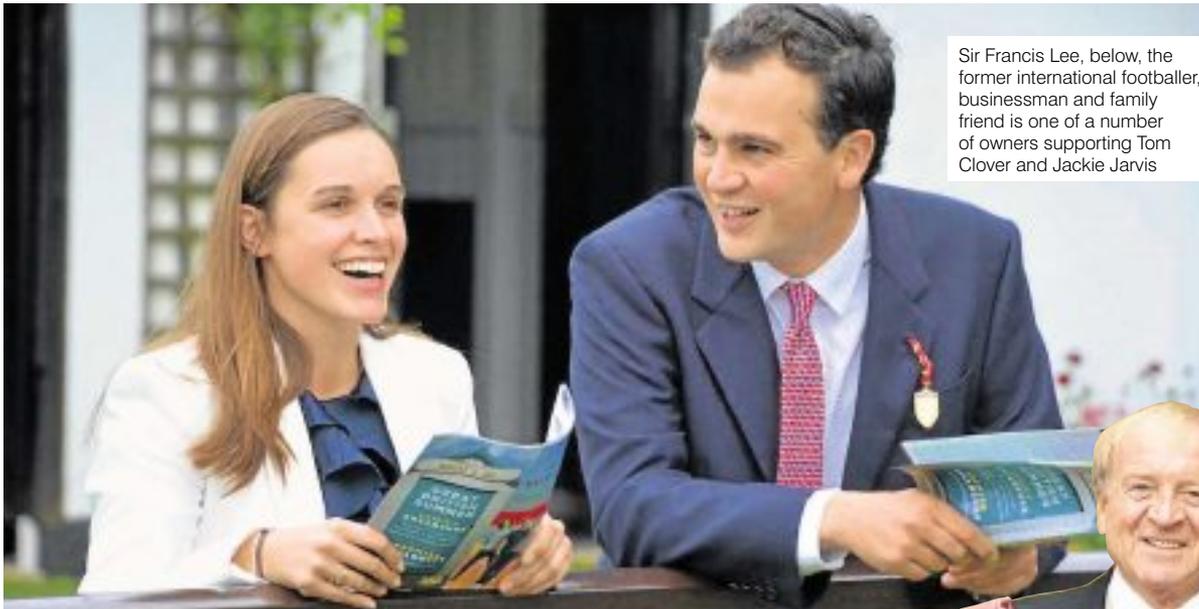
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Sir Francis Lee, below, the former international footballer, businessman and family friend is one of a number of owners supporting Tom Clover and Jackie Jarvis

furlong or a mile horse. He is generous in his training and I'd hope he is in that bracket where if he was lucky enough to win one he almost gets into the 90 and above bracket and you can get into the odd good race then.

"I would hope in time that Askari would stay well. He was bought cheaply and is rated 65. He ran very well for us on his debut when he was third at Wolverhampton, where he was held up off a reasonably slow pace. He didn't run so well next time at Kempton, but since scoped bad.

"He will be better on the turf, without question. He needs to be held up with a bit of pace to aim at. I would be disappointed if he was not rated a good bit better than 65 by the end of the season."

Hopes are high speedily-bred two-year-old Declarationoflove could be a colt capable of packing a punch early doors at an above-average level.

He said: "We have a lovely mixture of two-year-olds. We've got a couple that are precocious and a few that are mid- to back-end.

"We have got a lovely Declaration Of War called Declarationoflove. He looks precocious and is training well at the moment.

"How good he will be we will find out on the track, but his work is fine. He will hopefully be out in April.

"We've put him in the Super Sprint at Newbury. It's for horses bought for £60,000 or less and he would have a lovely weight for that if he turned out to be OK. It makes obvious sense to give him the entry, as he is all speed and is bred like that."



"It's lovely we have a right mixture of owners and I'm lucky I have a yard where I can take them and think it is smart enough."

His historic base has been home to Grand National winners in the past and Clover hopes one day it will be Pattern-race performers housed in those very boxes.

Although those aspirations may be some way off, he has in Archie and Askari horses he hopes will help put his name on the map throughout the season.

He said: "Our team of older horses are ones which we will try and save for the summer and hopefully we can get one to win one of those

Saturday handicaps. "Archie is rated 87 and I see him as a seven-



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THERE was nothing more fitting to mark the 350th anniversary of racing in Newmarket than the launch of the National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art last autumn. Located in Newmarket's town centre at Palace House, the multi-million pound project has far more than you might expect your average museum to have on display – with three different attractions in a National Horseracing Museum, a national gallery of British sporting art and a live horse experience.

The museum also has the latest interactive and audio-visual technology, which not only explores the history of racing, but gives an insight into the people behind the sport and the science of thoroughbreds. You could even have a go at designing your own champion racehorse.

If that wasn't enough, visitors also have the chance to see the retraining of racehorses in the outdoor Peter O'Sullivan Arena, or spend time in the Rothschild Yard and meet racehorses.

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Chris Garibaldi, director of the museum, right, said:



It's more than your average museum . . .

by **samar maguire**

"We look forward to welcoming visitors to the National Heritage Centre during the racing season.

"We hope that everyone who visited the original National Horseracing Museum in the High Street will be pleasantly surprised by what we now have on offer.

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WHEN DISCUSSIONS take place surrounding who will be a champion trainer of the future, the name Hugo Palmer is one that comes up more often than not.

Since starting out in 2011, the Newmarket-based handler has enjoyed a nothing short of meteoric rise to become one of the brightest training prospects.

Having enjoyed his first Classic winner with Covert Love in the 2015 Irish Oaks, last season Galileo Gold provided Palmer with an inaugural 2000 Guineas triumph.

With his stable star still in training, Palmer has high hopes the Al Shaqab Racing-owned son of Paco Boy can continue to work his magic on the track.

He said: "He is very happy and much more relaxed than he was. He hasn't grown, but he has developed and is more muscular.

"This year I think he will be campaigned more sparingly. We won't rush to travel him and the obvious point to start is the Lockinge.

"The programme of Lockinge, Queen Anne, Sussex looks pretty obvious to start with.

"I've got no concerns about having him ready first time unless he changes, as he is a lot more relaxed.

"I can't see any reason to try him further at the moment unless in his racing he starts to look like he needs further.

"If he gets beaten in the Lockinge and Frankie Dettori comes back in and says the horse has changed and that he wants a mile a quarter, then we would run him in the Prince of Wales's and not the Queen Anne.

"He is quite a strong-travelling horse. I remain to be convinced that he would really settle over a mile and a quarter."

With one British Classic already in safe-keeping, Palmer's focus could this season be on the Derby as Royal Lodge winner Best Of Days is a 25-1 shot to taste victory at Epsom.

He said: "Best Of Days is by Azamour and out of a mare that won a Listed race over a mile and a half.

"I think he is guaranteed to, not only stay, but be at his best at a mile and a half, which is what we think we saw as a two-year-old.

"I think because he is a high-class horse he travels very well, and I think over a mile he struggles to have that turn of foot. James Doyle did a magnificent job to get the best of him in the Royal Lodge.

"He has been given a Guineas entry. It is often said the Guineas is a very good trial for the Derby. My feeling is that I'd prefer him to win a trial rather than finish sixth in a Guineas. He will be given a Dante entry.

"I like Lingfield, though, for the fact it's a furlong further than York and the fact they have to come downhill.

"That's my feeling where we will go with him."

Crimean Tatar perfectly fits the horses-that-could-be-anything category judged by the manner in which he won a Listed event at Kempton in November on just his second career start.

Palmer said: "He fractured his knee as a two-year-old and it is probably for that reason we pitched him into stakes company from his maiden because there is plenty of metal in his knee. Because of that I don't know how long

he is going to stay sound.

"I think that is what makes him so exciting, that he won a stakes race on his second start which is all very well for a two-year-old over six furlongs, but for a three-year-old to beat older seasoned horses over a mile and a half takes some doing.

"Having fallen out the stalls and been last to quicken up, the way he quickened was very exciting. He doesn't show us a lot at home, again there is the suspicion we may have only scratched the surface with him.

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Hugo Palmer, and inset, his first Classic winner Covert Love, below, and Galileo Gold, winner of the 2000 Guineas last year and still in training



Hugo back on the Gold trail



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the John Porter at Newbury. If he were to win that I think we would then go to the Hardwicke."

The availability of champion jockey Jim Crowley – a key component in Palmer's successful season last year – is likely to be restricted as he is the new retained rider to Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum.

But Palmer has been quick to secure the services of last year's champion apprentice, Josephine Gordon.

He said: "The jockey situation will continue to be what it has been in that I will use the best available but, at the same time, I've always looked for some consistency.

"That's what we managed to find with Jim Crowley last year, which we won't be able to have this year. That said, I think Jim will ride for the yard when he can.

"I also think that James Doyle is an extraordinary talent and provided that he comes back from Australia I will use him an enormous amount as well.

"Josephine knows at this stage she is probably not going to have first pick on every single day.

"When we chatted about her coming on board I made it clear she will often ride horses to win their maiden and second races and then someone else will ride them on the big day.

"That said, as the yard gets bigger there is more and more opportunities and the good races are often on the same day as each other.

"While she might not necessarily have first pick of them she will be riding in those Group races – she is not just here to ride the maidens and handicappers.

"She is fully part of the team."

Palmer's pick of the yard...

ARCHITECTURE

"The problem with Architecture is she has only won a maiden, so on her logbook page she only has small black type. She needs to win a stakes race. She will start in the Daisy Warwick at Goodwood on Guineas weekend. She has done very well. Physically, she is a bigger filly and is much stronger, and hopefully that will make her a bit better."

AFANDEM

"My suspicion is he is best over five furlongs. I think he is all about speed. He looked very good when he won a Group Three at Chantilly. He is a slightly surprising one as he doesn't make big promises in the morning. The ground was too quick for him in the Cornwallis. He does need a bit of cut in the ground."

BAYDAR

"The fact he has continued to run well over a mile and a quarter is a good reason not to step him up yet. He is progressive and is beautifully bred. He's another that has done well physically. I see no point in him carrying top weight in a handicap. I know he likes a flat track but he could run in the Gordon Richards at Sandown as he has won there. I hope he is a



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"He is a total blank canvas. He grew quite a lot as a two-year-old when we stopped with him. He is a very exciting horse. He will be in the Guineas and the French Guineas and the Derby. Physically, he looks like he will stay. If his work is leaving question marks, we will run him in a trial, probably the Greenham as he ran twice and won twice at Newbury. It is a great relief he has come back so strong."

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Wolferton horse."

HARLOW

"I think he could be a Britannia or a Tercentenary horse. We've had to work quite hard to settle him down. He had only done three pieces of work before his debut and never came off the bridle. When Josephine Gordon gave him a slap when he won at Newcastle it was the first time he came off the bridle with us. It took him a stride or two to

work out what he was meant to do but he quickened up very impressively."

HOME OF THE BRAVE

"We could go back to Leicester where he won a Listed race last year, but if that is going to be his best run it would be silly to waste it in a Listed race as he is already a Listed winner. I think we will start him in the Lockinge but it depends on the ground as he needs to hear his feet and it will depend on what

Godolphin's other commitments are as well."

KOROPICK

"He was fifth in the Middle Park but he might get seven furlongs. He has grown quite a lot, which is good. I imagine he will start in the Pavilion Stakes at Ascot. If he is good enough he will be a Commonwealth Cup type of horse."

TO BE WILD

"He might just be a mile-and-a-half

horse and not get any further. But when he won at Doncaster he looked like he would stay. He did look good that day and Josephine said he is the best horse she has ridden. We might try the Henry II at Sandown or he could easily go for the Chester Cup. There is also the Buckhounds Stakes at Ascot, which is a mile and a half."

VIA SERENDIPITY

"He is probably, out of all them, the horse that has changed most over the winter. He has really grown and visually looks like he has strengthened up. If he ran a massive race in the Craven or Greenham then we could run him in the Guineas. I've always felt he is a stakes horse of some description. But my slight suspicion, based on last year, is that he might be more of a Britannia horse than a 2000 Guineas winner."

WALL OF FIRE

"He has been bought by some Australians and the main goal is for him to go for the Melbourne Cup. In my book, he is a soft-ground performer. He banded a joint at Doncaster and had to spend too long in his box to run on Champions Day. He needs to be rated a bit higher than he is and he needs to qualify for the Melbourne Cup. There are various things he needs to do, like winning a Listed race over 11 furlongs or further. I think he will stay two miles."



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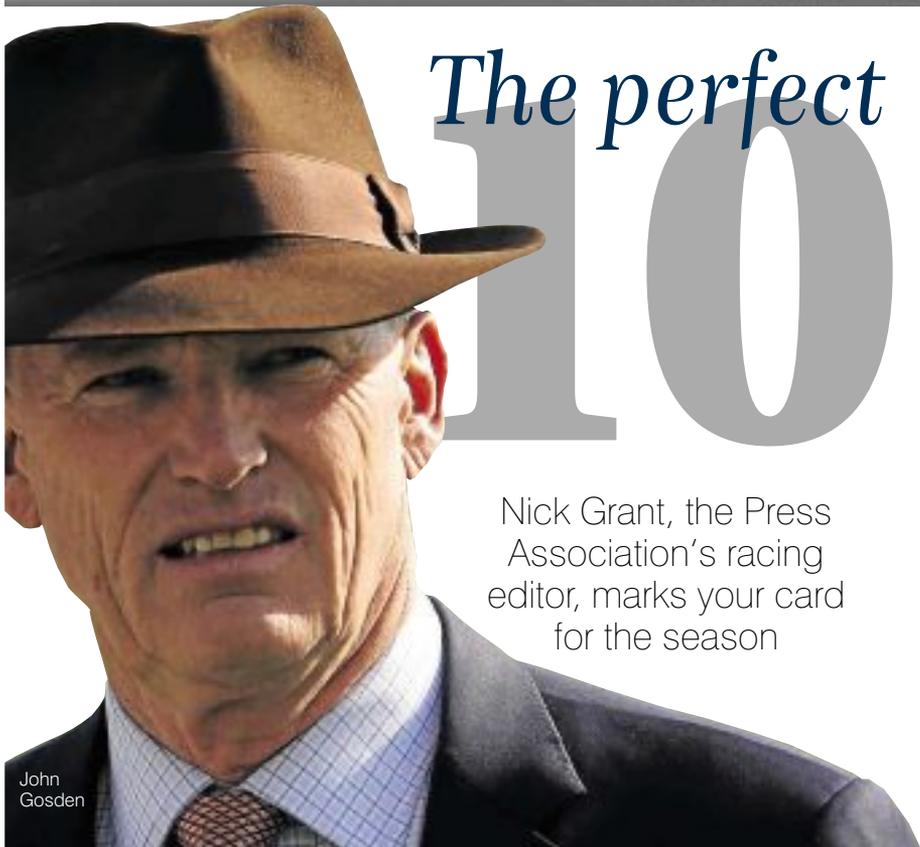
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The perfect 10

Nick Grant, the Press Association's racing editor, marks your card for the season

John Gosden

CRACKSMAN

(3yo, John Gosden)

"He's next year's horse," was the immediate verdict of his trainer after the Frankel colt, who races in the colours of Golden Horn, won his maiden over a mile at Newmarket in October. Showed his appetite for a battle when pressed and promises to be even better stepped up to 10 furlongs, and who knows beyond that.

QUEEN'S TRUST

(4yo, Sir Michael Stoute)

Was given a magnificent Frankie Dettori ride to win at the Breeders' Cup and is expected to thrive as a four-year-old, with any number of options open to her – from 10 furlongs to a mile and a half. Trainer is a master with older horses, so is in the right hands.

MIRAGE DANCER

(3yo, Sir Michael Stoute)

Another Frankel colt, victory looked unlikely in a seven-furlong affair at Doncaster before he really picked up well for Ryan Moore to ultimately win cosily, prompting Khalid Abdullah's racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe to say: "He's a horse we've always liked and next year should be the interesting one."

SEA OF GRACE

(3yo, William Haggas)

It was a blow for fans of John Oxx to

see this filly leave his yard, as she looks destined to make up into a Classic contender. Whether that is at a mile or a mile and a half remains to be seen, but there was so much to like about her two victories over the equally-promising Eziyra last season and she looks to have a great attitude for the game.



Aidan O'Brien

MINDING

(4yo, Aidan O'Brien)

Seven career Group One successes to date says plenty about this brilliant filly, who came good against the colts in the QEII at Ascot and ably defeated the likes of Ribchester. Fully effective from a mile to a mile and a half, every option will be open and her progress as an older horse will be eagerly followed.

CRIMEAN TATAR

(4yo, Hugo Palmer)

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ULYSSES
(4yo, Sir Michael Stoute)

A fair bit was asked of this Galileo colt, pictured, after winning his maiden in May, taking in the Derby and Breeders' Cup among other notable engagements. He fell a bit short but the very fact he ran in those races tells a story and he promises to be much better for another winter on his back. He can play his part at a good level.

Inset, right: Trainer Sir Michael Stoute



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and is expected to be a player in the top long-distance events.

DREAMFIELD
(3yo, John Gosden)

Easy debut winner but made to pull out all the stops when all the rage for a Newmarket conditions event. The form of that looks better than it did at the time and he is bred to come into his own as a three-year-old.

SIR JOHN LAVERY
(3yo, Aidan O'Brien)

Confirmed promise of eye-catching Curragh third on debut to run away with a Gowran maiden in testing conditions. Galileo colt from the family of Hawk Wing and could develop into a Derby contender.

LIBRISA BREEZE
(5yo, Dean Ivory)

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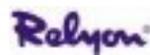


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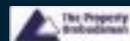
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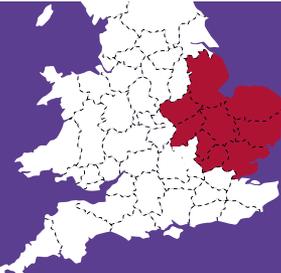
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Every night, the state-of-the-art projection mapping of Disney Illuminations brings to life scenes from animated films on the iconic castle, enhanced with lasers, choreographed water jets and fireworks.

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A new cable car is opening up one of Peru's most underrated sites, set to challenge the popularity of Machu Picchu. **SARAH MARSHALL** discovers the ancient cloud forest citadel of Kuelap

CASCADING bromeliads weigh heavy on near-horizontal tree trunks, like garish jewels dragging at the strained necks of stooped old ladies. As persistent drizzle becomes unrelenting rain, they glisten with bygone beauty.

Plumes of mist wisp from imaginary chimneys in roofless houses once belonging to noble families, the rubble of stone buildings now suspended in a shapeless blank cloud, and lost in time.

Peru's ancient civilisations had a habit of building sky-high, altitude-busting citadels, safe from enemy eyes. Machu Picchu is of course the most famous site of all, but further north in the cloud forests of Amazonas is a place far grander in age and scale. Yet few travellers even know it's there.

Built in 500AD by the Chachapoyas people, high-walled fortress town Kuelap predates Peru's Inca big hitter by 900 years.

Sixteenth century chronicles written by Spanish conquistadors speak of Amazonas - a region of tumbling rivers, steep gorges and mountains quilted with frog green forests - as being one of the hardest regions to reach. One modern guidebook warns: you never know what time you'll arrive in main city Chachapoyas.

Up until now, that was the case. But the opening of an airport at Jaen, in the neighbouring Cajamarca region, has greatly eased access, with 90-minute flights operating from Lima.

A big fuss is also being made about the new 24 million-dollar cable car connecting Kuelap to the small village of Nuevo Tingo, turning a 1.5 hour stomach-spinning drive around hairpin bends into an easy 20-minute glide.

In truth, the time saved isn't particularly significant, but the government project, designed to ease crowd pressure on Machu Picchu by opening up new archaeological areas, has brought international attention to this under-appreciated corner of Peru.

Entering through a narrow, tapering entrance, I clamber over slippery limestone rocks to find the remains of 400-plus houses - round, windowless buildings which once



Peru's mystical

Entering the Kuelap archaeological complex

surprisingly gleaming white sets of teeth lining their sunken jaws.

Still relatively new to tourism, Amazonas has few high-end

accommodation options.

I choose to stay at the idyllic Gocta Natura Cabins, an hour's drive north from Chachapoyas, tracing the route of the Utcubamba River.

Leaving a job at the World Bank in Lima behind her, lithe and energetic conservationist Rocío Florez has opened an eco-lodge of five standalone cabins set within reforested terraces, attracting endemic birds to the area for the first time in decades. But even at full gusto, their joyous melodies

are drowned by the roaring Gocta Falls, a gaze-grabbing sight from wherever you stand on the property.

Until 2005, when German Stefan Ziemendorff measured the two-drop cataract as one of the tallest in the world (at 771m), the residents of Coachimba village were terrified of the myth-laden site supposedly filled with irresistible gold treasures.

Imaginations ran wild with tales of a beautiful siren known for wooing and destroying men; another story recounted a large snail who'd open his cloak to reveal hundreds of writhing snake heads. "Many people are still convinced they'll get sick if they touch certain rocks in the forest," Rocío tells me, which perhaps explains why so many ancient sites have been hidden for so long.

I wonder what mind-altering substances those ancestors must have been smoking, but find no magic plants on my sweaty, undulating 5km trail to the Falls. Overcoming their fears, local villagers have made a good business in guiding tourists, perhaps finally finding their pot of gold.

Sun hits the gushing cataract at noon, although a fierce, shuddering

Replica sarcophagi at the Museo Leymebamba



Decoration on houses in the Kuelap complex



Gocta Falls in Amazonas

had conical thatched roofs.

Decorations include diamond shapes inspired by feline eyes, and the unexplained relief of a stunned face staring from a temple wall. Slowly disintegrating bones are visible in some crevices, belonging to the 1000-plus bodies buried in Kuelap's walls.

Only a third of the site, eventually infiltrated by Incas in the late 1400s, has been excavated since being rediscovered in 1843. Efforts are currently underway to reverse some crude reconstructions in a bid to earn UNESCO World Heritage status, and when I visit, workmen are hurriedly working on walkways in preparation for an influx of tourists.

Numbers are expected to rise from 40,000 per year to 120,000, compared to the million-plus visitors Machu Picchu receives.

All over Amazonas, ancient sites paint a picture of Chachapoyas' life and - even more fascinating - death.

Hewn into vertical cliff faces, high above ground, sarcophagi (stone coffins) in the shape of giant heads are topped with the prized skulls of warlords conquered by the warriors within.

There are more than 30 burial sites; one of the best is at Karajia, in the north. But I choose to visit the mausoleums at Revash (a two-hour drive south of Kuelap, followed by a short trek), where small triangular-roofed houses embedded in the rocks feature ruby red paintings of pumas and the Southern Cross.

Only nesting vultures can flit through the T-shaped windows, but looters have still managed to pillage 80% of the contents. Sadly, it's the same story all over the region.

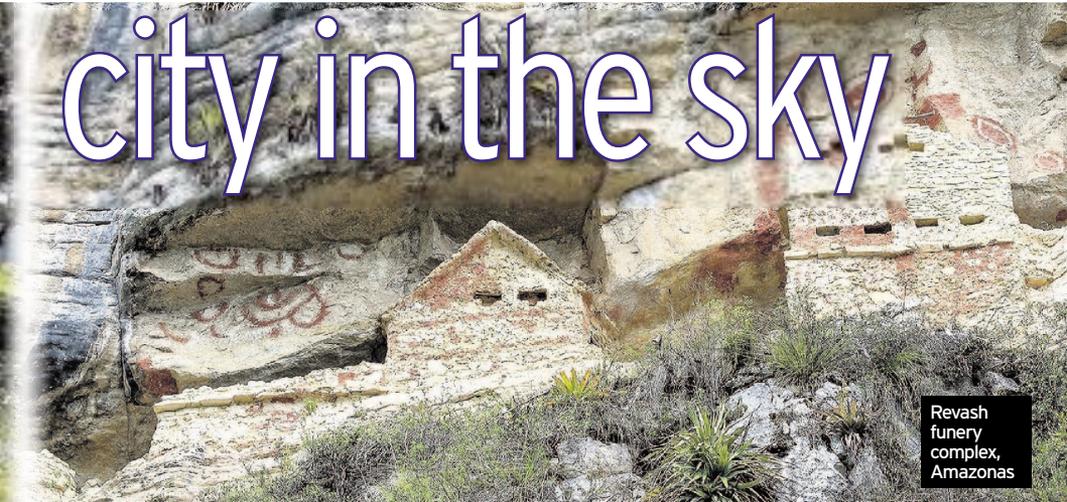
More than 200 Inca and Chachapoyas mummies are safeguarded in a controlled chamber at the excellent community-run Leymebamba museum, a 75-minute drive from Revash.

Small muslin bundles bound up with rope and daubed with simple circular faces sit on dusty shelves like cocooned, incubating pupae, although none will flourish with life again.

Elbows and knees were originally broken to create the shrunken packages, and intestines removed through the rectum.

Some of the compressed cadavers are exposed, saggy skin intact and

city in the sky



Revash funerary complex, Amazonas

NEED TO KNOW

■ **SARAH MARSHALL** was a guest of The Ultimate Travel Company (www.theultimatetravelcompany.co.uk; 020 3051 8098) who tailor a ten-day Northern Peru experience from £2,950 per person, visiting Lima, Gocta Falls, Chiclayo and Trujillo. Most meals are included, as well as international and domestic flights, private guided sight-seeing and private transfers throughout.

wind blows permanently at its base, and I understand how all those outrageous stories could so easily be believed.

Rocio's son, a respected chef in Lima, has trained some of the villagers to cook, and as a result, Gocta Natura Cabins serves easily the best food in a region rich in produce but poor in culinary invention.

Other community projects

include teaching families how to make cheese and harvest mushrooms from the pine forests.

Along with archaeology, environment is one of the key pillars for future tourism in Amazonas and almost half of Peru's Private Conservation Areas can be found in the region, testimony to the love and respect local people have developed for their surroundings.

Biologist Perico Heredia is an advocate of the system, which allows individuals to request government recognition of their land as an important ecosystem.

Grinning boyishly beneath a tatty baseball cap, the 50-something leads me through a tangled trail of rare orchids, ancient Inca stones and newly-recognised cedar trees, while excitedly regaling me with sightings of "small cats" caught on

his camera traps.

He's currently extending the guest house at his Milpuj property, where he lives with his mother, a few kilometers from Kuelap.

Like everywhere in Amazonas, there's a sense so much is waiting to be discovered.

No cable car is needed to access these areas; enthusiasm, diligence and reverence for nature will no doubt lead to more pots of gold.



Grand Place Brussels, Belgium at dusk

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New car sales hit all-time high – thanks to car tax!

NEW car sales in the UK hit an all-time high last month – and, according to industry insiders, it's all down to the rise in car tax.

The new car market grew by 8.4 per cent in March, making it the biggest month since records began, some 20 years ago, according to figures published by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT).

The record performance came as buyers seized the chance to buy cars before the new vehicle excise duty (VED) rates came into force on April 1. Under the new system all new cars, except those with zero emissions, are subject to an annual flat rate charge.

A total of 562,337 new cars were registered in March, more than double the number in the first two months of the year combined, meaning that no less than 820,016 new cars have been driven off forecourts in the first quarter of 2017 – a 6.2 per cent rise on the same period in 2016 and a new record for the quarter.

Following the recent trend, consumers are increasingly looking to invest in the latest low-emission technology, with March seeing a



BEST SELLER: The Ford Fiesta heads the list of new cars bought in March

31 per cent surge in registrations of alternatively fuelled vehicles. Petrol cars experienced a notable uplift too,

growing 13.2 per cent while demand for diesels also increased, in spite of the continued scaremongering over

diesel emissions. Nearly a quarter of a million buyers opted for oil-burners – the most ever in a single month.

According to Mike Hawes, SMMT chief executive: "These record figures are undoubtedly boosted by consumers and businesses reacting to new VED changes, pulling forward purchases into March, especially those ultra-low emission vehicles that will no longer benefit from a zero-rate fee. Looking ahead to the rest of the year, we still expect the market to cool only slightly given broader political uncertainties as there are still attractive deals on offer."

Ford dominated the best sellers list with the Fiesta and Focus leading the pack and the latest Kuga taking ninth place.

MARCH TOP 10

- 1 Ford Fiesta
- 2 Ford Focus
- 3 Vauxhall Corsa
- 4 Nissan Qashqai
- 5 Vauxhall Astra
- 6 VW Golf
- 7 VW Polo
- 8 MINI
- 9 Ford Kuga
- 10 Mercedes Benz C Class

New van demand dips as LCV market stabilises

SALES of light commercial vehicle registrations dipped in March, as the market stabilised following a sustained period of strong growth and record demand, according to figures released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT).

A total of 63,316 light commercial vehicles hit British roads last month, representing a small fall of -0.9 per cent, and the first decline in March for five years.

Pick-ups and heavier vans experienced an increase in demand in March, up 23 per cent and 3.6 per cent, respectively. However, figures for smaller vans painted a different picture, with registrations of vehicles weighing less than two tonnes down by 31.6 per cent and vans between 2.0-2.5 tonnes falling 4.0 per cent.

Mike Hawes, SMMT chief executive, said, "The new van market has experienced strong levels of demand in recent years and this dip in registrations represents a natural rebalancing of the market. Despite the decline, demand remains at an historically high level."

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SEAT Ateca gets racy!

SEAT'S Ateca SUV has proved a big hit since its launch and the Spanish car maker is adding a sporty FR version to the line-up later this summer.

It will make its debut at the Barcelona International Motor Show later this month and will join the new Leon and Ibiza and, later this year, the new Arona crossover.

Since its launch last summer SEAT has sold more than 40,000 Atecas worldwide and the model contributed to SEAT achieving an operating profit of 143 million euros in 2016, the highest in the company's history, and finishing the year with its fourth consecutive annual sales increase.

The FR trim level Ateca will come with a range of EU6 petrol and diesel engines, ranging in power from 150bhp to 190bhp, including a new 2.0 TSI 190bhp unit with a range of manual and DSG-auto transmission gearboxes.

Four-wheel-drive will be available on both 2.0 TDI engines and the line up will also feature the new 2.0 TSI model with dynamic chassis control with progressive steering to enhance handling.

Outwardly the Ateca FR has 18-inch alloy wheels combined with body coloured wheel arches and side skirts that include an aluminium moulding running along the lower section of the doors.

The rear window is framed by black spoilers, with the rear spoiler matching the car's bodywork colour. FR logos also appear front and rear while the car has roof rails and



SPORTY: SEAT is adding the sporty Ateca to its line-up

window frames in black and the grille in gloss black.

Inside, the FR logo can also be

found on the multi-function sports steering wheel and the FR comes with Alcantara seating and aluminium

pedals.

UK pricing and specification have still to be announced.

Fiat launches used vehicle locator

FIAT Chrysler Automobiles UK is taking the used car market to the next level after launching the group's first Abarth Used Vehicle Locator (UVL).

FCA's high performance arm will be the first brand to roll out the UVL, which launched this week, with the other FCA marques following later this year.

Designed to promote the benefits of FCA's successful FOUND Approved and Used programme, the new UVL will give customers the complete brand experience with detailed information available and easy to navigate.

Powered by Auto Trader's API technology, and created especially for FCA by experts, the UVL will be distinct and agile, ensuring the ability to evolve with the market. Its fully responsive website is optimised for mobile use and will deliver a complete 'brand' experience to interested users, listing a range of high quality, low mileage used Abarths.

"The UK's automotive marketplace is evolving at an increasing pace, with car buyers becoming more digitally savvy and expectations of their digital journey being set not just by the car sites but by leading fashion, food and holiday websites too," says Tristan Downs, remarketing manager, FCA UK.

"It is imperative to meet consumers on their terms."

The new Abarth UVL can be seen at www.usedabarth.co.uk.

New GTE drives hybrid value

THE updated Volkswagen Golf GTE is open for order in the UK with a significant price realignment, two trim levels and a raft of new technologies on board.

Driving even greater value for money into a growing area of the UK market, the petrol-electric hybrid Golf GTE offers a compelling mix of engaging GTI-style dynamics, responsible e-Golf-style sustainability and generous GTD-style range.

The updated Golf GTE is now available with a choice of two new trim levels. The entry-level Golf GTE is joined by the new GTE Advance in a range line-up that mirrors that of the award-winning Passat GTE.

The hybrid powered five-door Golf, with a 150 PS 1.4-litre TSI petrol engine and a 102 PS (75Kw) electric motor for a system power output of 204 PS, unites economy and performance in a flexible and appealing package.

The total potential range of the Golf GTE is 514 miles and the GTE's battery gives an all-electric range of 31 miles. This opens up the possibility of driving significant distances cross-country using the TSI petrol engine and then completing the journey into a town or city under zero emission full electric power.

Official performance figures for the 204 PS Golf GTE show it capable of covering the 0-62 mph sprint in 7.6 seconds with a top speed, where legal, of 138 mph. CO2 emissions are 38g/km for the GTE and 40g/km for the



UPDATED: The new Volkswagen Golf GTE

GTE Advance, while combined fuel economy is 166 mpg for the GTE and 157 mpg for the GTE Advance.

Sitting alongside the range of the Golf GTE is its ability to offer high performance driving when required. A press of the centre console-mounted GTE button combines spirited acceleration via the instant torque of the electric motor working alongside the broad power of the turbocharged petrol engine.

Both the updated Golf GTE and Golf GTE Advance are equipped with a host of premium features such as full LED front and rear lights with sweeping indicators, Active Info Display, and Volkswagen Car-Net App Connect functionality.

The GTE Advance adds further luxuries such as 18-inch Marseille alloys, the updated Discover Navigation system, a Winter Pack including heated seats, 65 per cent tinted windows, a front centre armrest and exterior e-sound.

The GTE offers four operating modes: 'E-Mode', 'GTE mode', 'Battery Charge' and 'Hybrid'. In pure

electric mode (activated at the press of a button), the Golf GTE can travel up to 31 miles emissions free. Electric power can also be saved – for example when driving to a zero-emissions zone. In electric mode, the GTE is capable of speeds of up to 81 mph.

The 8.7 kWh lithium-ion battery can be charged in 3.45 hours from a domestic mains outlet, or 2.15 hours from a domestic wallbox. The battery weighs 120 kg, giving a kerbweight of 1,615 kg.

The GTE also has an e-manager which allows the driver to preset vehicle charging, as well as interior cooling or heating. These functions can be operated remotely using the Car-Net app on a smartphone.

A full range of assistance and infotainment systems is also making its way into the Golf GTE. The Volkswagen is available for the first time with Traffic Jam Assist (semi-autonomous driving up to 37 mph), the fully digital Active Info Display and the optional Discover Navigation Pro infotainment system including 9.2-inch display and gesture control.

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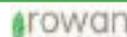
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The Mildenhall stalwart used all his West Row track craft to out-wit his opponents by twice coming through the field for impressive victories and ensure his quartet never lost the lead they gained from the start.

Heat four saw the home man storm under Lakeside's Ben Morley, but it got even better in heat 15 when he powered past Jon Armstrong, Nathan Stoneman and Alfie Bowtell to complete a thrilling last-to-first win.

Halsey said: "I wanted to use the meeting to get up to race speed but it

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went better than expected.

"When the track went slick I used my home track advantage and kept to the curb and stayed on it."

Halsey was well supported by Cameron Heeps – who was a late replacement for the injured Josh Bates – as the Ipswich ace opened with three wins, as well as Mildenhall reserve Jordan Jenkins.

Jenkins admitted he needs to work on his starting speed after regularly being left at the tapes, but it made his three race wins exciting to watch as he passed Stoneman in heat 13 and then stormed from third to first in his final ride.

Team-less Stefan Nielsen led the

Assured Group's challenge with five wins from six (his only defeat coming against Halsey), but they lacked the same depth as the winners with Armstrong not at his best due to machinery issues.

Connor Mountain survived a lance on his back, which he broke last season, but the Fen Tigers No 1 reported only muscle damage.

His Palmers Panthers team saw triple exclusions for Danny Ayres, who wiped out Halsey and Nielsen in his first and last race respectively.

Browns Builders 40 (Halsey 15, Heeps 11, Jenkins 11, Widman 3). **Assured Group** 37 (Nielsen 17, Armstrong 8, Woods 8, Kinsley 4). **Mighty Manchesters** 25 (Morley 13, Stoneman 8, Verge 3, Hampshire 1). **Palmers Panthers** 23 (Ayres 8, Bowtell 7, Mountain 6, Ruddick 2).

HALSEY HEROICS:
Dan Halsey was in impressive form in the Fen Fours at West Row



Jockeys score 10 in win over Wivenhoe

NEWMARKET Town ran riot at lowly Wivenhoe Town, winning 10-1 to move within a point of second place in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division.

It took just four minutes for the visitors to find the breakthrough, Austen Diaper tapping home from close range after good work by Lewis Whitehead and Jack Watson.

Whitehead doubled the lead eight minutes later with a shot that took a deflection off a Wivenhoe defender, but the home side pulled a goal back when they scored in the 24th minute.

Paul Betson restored the Jockeys' two-goal advantage when he volleyed home and when Charlie Bowen was bundled to the ground inside the area

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moments later, Watson stepped up to convert the resulting penalty.

There were more goals to come at the end of the half as Diaper was set up by Simon Swinton for his second of the match to make it 5-1 at the interval.

With such a big lead Newmarket could perhaps have been forgiven for taking their foot off the pedal in the second half.

But instead they came out in determined mood and Whitehead extended their lead just three minutes after the restart.

Diaper completed his hat-trick with a header from a Deakan Napier cross 15 minutes later, and the latter

turned provider again when he set up Whitehead to score his third goal of the game.

Then it was Napier's turn to score as he delicately lobbed the ball over the Wivenhoe keeper and into the net to make it 9-1.

And there was still time for Newmarket to reach double figures. Diaper ran down the wing and passed the ball to Betson, who made no mistake in scoring his second goal.

With Felixstowe & Walton and Gorleston both losing on Saturday, Newmarket moved up to within a point of second.

Leaders Mildenhall did not play at the weekend, but they can clinch the title on Saturday if they win and Felixstowe fail to pick up three points.

Hayward makes a Mark with fourth-place finish in Haverhill

NEWMARKET Joggers' Mark Hayward finished fourth out of 145 runners in the Haverhill 10K.

Hayward clocked 36min 57sec, with James Thomson not far behind with a time of 41.19 for sixth place.

Giles Macrow ran a personal best 50.21. Other joggers who completed this hilly run were Clive Purbrook, Helen Wass, Malcolm Osbourn, Chris Aylmer, Carol McIntosh, Jenny Osbourn and Sonia McLintock.

Three of the Joggers competed in the Haverhill Half Marathon – Mary Marsh, Lynda McCormack and Miles Johnson.

Norwich was also home to a

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half for a couple of the Joggers. Sally Nicholson and Svetlana Zinchenko used the Norwich Half Marathon as a last long training run before they compete in the London Marathon.

Simon Harris finished the Cambourne 10k in 38.29.

Joggers compete in a series of six winter cross-country five mile runs around the region, with Jenny Osbourn awarded second place in the overall results of the female 65+ category.

Greg Davis came third in the male 50+ and Neville Clark second in the male 60+ category.

Pettitt stars in big away victory

NEWMARKET recorded a convincing 61-12 win at Swaffham in the Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

The Jockeys opening the scoring with a try from Ali Walker after five minutes, with Michael Reeves converting before Spencer Pettitt crossed minutes later to extend the score to 14-0.

Matt Kent, making his final appearance for the club, then scored a converted try and Walker bagged his brace to secure a converted try and Newmarket's bonus point before Harvey Bell dotted down – Reeves again getting the extras – to make it 35-0 at the break.

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Dale Gibson got his name on the scoresheet after just five minutes in the second half with a converted try, before Swaffham finally got on the board with a seven-pointer.

Pettitt secured his hat-trick with two tries in a matter of minutes, with Reeves converting one. Swaffham then dotted down for a converted try, with their winger intercepting a pass to run the length of the pitch to score.

With five minutes to go Daniele Terenzi crossed, with Reeves duly converting, to make it 61-12.

Medal haul for Newmarket

YOUNGSTERS from the Newmarket & District Swimming Club returned from the Norwich Long Course Open meeting with an impressive haul of 46 medals.

Joseph Bayvey was the star performer with six gold medals in the 200m freestyle, individual medley, 100m breaststroke, freestyle, butterfly and 50m butterfly.

Other medal winners: Romilly Marks (gold in 200m individual medley, freestyle and butterfly and 100m freestyle; silver in the 50m butterfly, breaststroke and freestyle); Lauren Watt (gold in 100m and 50m breaststroke and 100m freestyle; bronze in 50m freestyle); Tess Wesley (gold in 200m breaststroke and 100m breaststroke and freestyle; silver in 50m breaststroke; bronze in 200m individual medley); Maeve Pooley (gold in 200m freestyle and backstroke, and 100m freestyle; silver in 50m freestyle; Elsie Pooley (gold in 100m backstroke; bronze 100m freestyle and 50m backstroke); Miriam Stratford (gold in 100m breaststroke; silver in 200m individual medley); Thomas Allison (gold in 200m butterfly and freestyle); Ignacio Largero (gold in 50m butterfly); Ethelle Marks

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(silver in 50m butterfly; bronze in 100m butterfly, 200m butterfly and backstroke; Raven Dodsworth (silver 50m backstroke; bronze in 50m freestyle); Gemma Booth (silver in 50m butterfly; bronze in 200m backstroke); Flossie Talbot (silver in 50m breaststroke); Cameron Beavis (bronze in 100m backstroke and 50m freestyle); Isabella Kiemerle-Pinillos (bronze in 50m freestyle). Other swimmers who had some great races and set personal bests – Freya Newman, Alexandra Rice, Charlotte Rice, Harry Saunders, Georgina Stokes, Millie Talbot, Theo Boyle, Brenna Broussard, Elaine Broussard, Charlie Davis, Ruby Davis, Thomas Deaton, Terri Dodsworth, Beatrice Gibbs and Ciara Gill-Ryan.

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